



THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT OF  
THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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1           [There is no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6   [GAVEL.]

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8   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. THANK YOU FOR  
9   BEING PRESENT TODAY AT OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED LOS ANGELES  
10   COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING THIS MAY 17, 2016. THE  
11   MEETING WILL COME TO ORDER. BEFORE WE MOVE ON TO THE PLEDGE  
12   AND INVOCATION, I'D LIKE TO MAKE JUST A QUICK STATEMENT  
13   REGARDING THE PROCESS AND ORDER FOR TODAY. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN MY  
14   INTENTION TO TAKE UP ITEM P-1, THE HOMELESS FUNDING ITEM, AS  
15   SOON AS POSSIBLE TODAY. THAT'S THE REASON WHY I ORIGINALLY  
16   DECLINED A REQUEST TO SET THE ITEM, BECAUSE I KNEW THAT THERE  
17   WAS AN URGENCY AT OUR LAST MEETING, THAT WE HAD TO BRING THIS  
18   UP AS ONE OF THE FIRST ITEMS AFTER OUR FORMAL PRESENTATIONS,  
19   AND I'M GLAD THAT THAT THAT'S HAPPENING TODAY. I WANT TO SAY  
20   THAT WE ALL NEED TO BE FLEXIBLE IN WHAT WE'RE DOING. WE ALL  
21   HAVE THE SAME GOAL. WE ARE ALL WORKING ON THE SAME PAGE TO TRY  
22   TO PROVIDE AS MUCH ASSISTANCE AS WE CAN TO OUR HOMELESS AND TO  
23   THOSE THAT ARE LIVING IN POVERTY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND  
24   I'M PROUD TODAY THAT WE CAN SAY THAT WE HAVE RESOLVED OUR  
25   DIFFERENCES, AND WE AGREED TO MOVE AHEAD. AND I WANT TO SALUTE



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1 OUR STAFFS AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR  
2 KUEHL, SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR WORKING SO HARD, ALL OF US, WITH  
3 THE INTENT OF GOOD WILL. SO WITH THAT, THIS MORNING, I'D LIKE  
4 TO BRING UP THE INNOVATION-- THE INVOCATION AND INNOVATION,  
5 YES, BECAUSE I THINK WE ARE DOING GOOD THINGS. THE INVOCATION  
6 THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY MONSIGNOR PETER NUGENT, PASTOR  
7 EMERITUS SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO CHURCH IN NORTH HOLLYWOOD. THE  
8 PLEDGE THIS MORNING WILL BE LED BY SERGIO JUAREZ, JR., FORMER  
9 SPECIALIST, UNITED STATES ARMY. EVERYONE PLEASE STAND.

10

11 **REV. MONSR. NUGENT:** LET US PRAY. GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL GOD. WE  
12 GATHER THIS DAY ADDRESSING THE CONCERNS WE HAVE AS  
13 PARTICIPANTS AND DECISION MAKERS IN THE LIFE OF THE  
14 COMMUNITIES OF THIS GREAT COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE LOOK TO  
15 YOU, THE ETERNAL SOURCE OF ALL GOODNESS AND LIGHT. WE LOOK FOR  
16 GUIDANCE, FOR WE KNOW THE DECISIONS MADE IN THESE CHAMBERS CAN  
17 IMPACT OUR PEOPLE FOR GOOD OR FOR ILL. WE LOOK FOR COURAGE SO  
18 THAT OUR FEARS DO NOT OVERTAKE OUR DESIRE TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT  
19 AND JUST. WE LOOK FOR INTEGRITY OF SPIRIT SO THAT UNDUE  
20 INFLUENCE WILL NOT SWAY OUR GOOD JUDGMENTS. WE LOOK FOR  
21 GENEROSITY OF HEART THAT FREES US FROM SELF-INTEREST AND  
22 NARROWNESS OF CONCERN. WE LOOK FOR HELP FROM ON HIGH TO  
23 MAINTAIN OUR FIRM COMMITMENT TO SERVE OUR PEOPLE WITH ENERGY  
24 AND DEDICATION. LORD OF THE AGES, KEEP US AWARE OF THE  
25 HERITAGE WE HAVE FROM OUR PAST OF THE PEOPLE FORMED IN THE





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1 SPIRIT OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE FOR ALL. MAY WE REVERE AND  
2 PRESERVE THESE FUNDAMENTAL VALUES OF OUR LAND. GIVE US LIGHT  
3 AND UNDERSTANDING TO SEE THE REALITY OF THE PRESENT, WITH  
4 HONESTY AND CLARITY, WITHOUT PREJUDICES AND PREJUDGMENTS THAT  
5 CAN DISTRACT US FROM DEALING WITH WHAT IS TRULY OF THE HERE  
6 AND NOW. INSPIRE US WITH A HOPE FOR OUR FUTURE WHICH WE SHAPE  
7 THROUGH THESE, OUR OWN EFFORTS. AND SO PASS ON TO OTHERS A  
8 TRADITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE AND CARE FOR THE COMMON GOOD AND  
9 FOR THE BENEFIT OF OUR WHOLE SOCIETY. IN ALL THIS, MAY YOUR  
10 BLESSINGS BE UPON US, THIS HOUR, THIS DAY AND ALWAYS, AMEN.

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12 **SERGIO JUAREZ, JR.:** PLEASE REMAIN STANDING FOR THE PLEDGE OF  
13 ALLEGIANCE. FACE THE FLAG, PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND OVER YOUR  
14 HEART. VETERANS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO RENDER A SALUTE. [PLEDGE  
15 OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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19 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S MY GREAT  
20 PLEASURE TODAY TO HONOR AND THANK MONSIGNOR PETER NUGENT,  
21 PASTOR EMERITUS, WHO WAS BORN IN MONKTON, NEW BRUNSWICK IN  
22 CANADA IN 1936. MAYBE THE ONLY PERSON IN THE ROOM OLDER THAN  
23 ME, SLIGHTLY. ONE OF SEVEN SIBLINGS, HE MOVED WITH HIS FAMILY  
24 TO L.A. IN 1949. A PARISHIONER OF ST. ALPHONSUS CHURCH IN EAST  
25 L.A., HE SPENT HIS HIGH SCHOOL YEARS AT LOS ANGELES COLLEGE, A



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1 PREP SCHOOL FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN SEMINARY. AFTER RECEIVING HIS  
2 BACHELOR'S DEGREE AT ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY AND FINISHING HIS  
3 THEOLOGY STUDIES, HE WAS ORDAINED FROM THERE IN 1962 FOR THE  
4 LOS ANGELES ARCHDIOCESE. EARNING A MASTER'S DEGREE IN MUSIC  
5 FROM U.S.C. MONSIGNOR TAUGHT MUSIC AND LITURGY AT ST. JOHN'S  
6 SEMINARY FOR 14 YEARS AND RETURNED TO PASTORAL WORK IN 1979.  
7 MONSIGNOR NUGENT SERVED AS PASTOR AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST  
8 CHURCH IN BALDWIN PARK AND SANTA CLARA CHURCH IN OXNARD BEFORE  
9 COMING TO ST. JOHN EUDES PARISH IN 2001. HE RETIRED IN 2011,  
10 BUT REMAINS ACTIVE IN PARISH LIFE AND ASSISTS WITH A NUMBER OF  
11 MINISTRIES. PLEASE HELP ME TO THANK THE REVEREND MONSIGNOR  
12 PETER NUGENT. [APPLAUSE.]

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WE'RE DELIGHTED TO  
15 HAVE WITH US TODAY AS OUR PLEDGE VETERAN, SERGIO JUAREZ, JR.,  
16 A FORMER SPECIALIST WITH THE U.S. ARMY FROM 2009 TO 2015. HE  
17 SERVED WITH THE 40TH MILITARY POLICE COMPANY IN AFGHANISTAN  
18 DURING OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM, NUMBER 10. HE IS THE  
19 RECIPIENT OF SEVERAL MEDALS INCLUDING THE PURPLE HEART. HE HAS  
20 A CERTIFICATE IN SAFETY AND HEALTH FROM HIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
21 DISTRICT, AND HE'S WORKING AS A GENERAL RELIEF CLERK FOR THE  
22 LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. HE IS  
23 MARRIED TO DENISE AND HAS ONE SON WHOSE NAME IS DAMEON AND HE  
24 LIVES IN THE SECOND DISTRICT AND HAS BEEN SO FOR THE PAST  
25 YEAR. SO WE WISH TO SAY THANK YOU TO SERGIO JUAREZ FOR LEADING



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1 US IN TODAY'S PLEDGE. AND WE SAY TO YOU, THANK YOU ON BEHALF  
2 OF THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR NATION. LET'S GIVE  
3 HIM A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THIS MORNING WE BEGIN WITH OUR  
6 FOLLOWING ITEMS. EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL CALL THE AGENDA.

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8 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, AND  
9 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE 3,  
10 POLICY MATTER. ON ITEM P-1, 1 AND 5, THESE ITEMS WILL BE TAKEN  
11 UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER PRESENTATIONS, THEREFORE ON A RELATED  
12 ITEM, 58-A, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT THIS MATTER BE  
13 REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. 58-A IS BEFORE YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THE ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
16 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE  
17 ORDER.

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19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 4, REPORT. THERE IS A  
20 MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD TO CONTINUE THESE ITEMS TO JUNE 14TH;  
21 HOWEVER, THE CHAIR HAS INDICATED THAT THOSE WHO HAVE COME  
22 TODAY WILL BE PERMITTED TO ADDRESS ITEMS 14, 57 AND 58-B UNDER  
23 ITEM R-1. ON PAGE 5, SPECIAL DISTRICT AGENDAS, AGENDA FOR THE  
24 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. THIS MATTER  
25 IS BEFORE YOU.





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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM'S BEEN MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
3 KNABE. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

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5 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 6, AGENDA FOR THE MEETING  
6 OF THE REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT. ITEM NO. 1-P.  
7 THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.  
10 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ON PAGE 7,  
13 ITEMS 1 THROUGH 13, ITEM NO. 1 WILL BE HELD FOR DISCUSSION  
14 UNDER P-1. ON ITEM NO. 2, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED  
15 THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 5, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD  
16 FOR DISCUSSION UNDER P-1. ON ITEM NO. 9, A MEMBER OF THE  
17 PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 10  
18 AND 12, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS  
19 BE HELD. THE REMAINDER OF THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THESE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
22 KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION.

23

24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 11, CONSENT CALENDAR. ITEMS  
25 14 THROUGH 56, ON ITEM NO. 14, THIS ITEM WILL BE HEARD UNDER



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1 R-1. ON ITEM NO. 16, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT  
2 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 18, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS  
3 REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD; HOWEVER, THE ASSESSOR  
4 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HIS DEPARTMENT. ON  
5 ITEM NO. 20, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS  
6 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 22, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT  
7 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 23, THE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES  
8 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 24, 2016.  
9 ON ITEM 24, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM  
10 BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 24, 2016. ON ITEM NO. 25, THE  
11 DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
12 CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MAY 24, 2016. ON ITEM 26, A MEMBER OF  
13 THE PUBLIC HAS REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 27,  
14 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED  
15 ONE WEEK TO MAY 24, 2016. ON ITEM 31, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
16 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 32, THE DIRECTOR OF  
17 PUBLIC HEALTH REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
18 MAY 24. THAT WAS ON ITEM 32. ON ITEM NO. 34, THE DIRECTOR OF  
19 PARKS AND RECREATION REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
20 WEEK TO MAY 24TH. ON ITEM NO. 36, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
21 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT. ON  
22 ITEM 38, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
23 HELD. ON ITEM 41, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS  
24 ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 44, A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT  
25 THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM NO. 45, THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY



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1 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 31ST,  
2 2016. ON ITEM 46, THE SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE  
3 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO MAY 31, 2016. THAT WAS 46. 49, THE  
4 SHERIFF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TWO WEEKS. ON 46  
5 A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. THE  
6 REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
9 ANTONOVICH. SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE  
10 ORDER.

11

12 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 34, ORDINANCE FOR  
13 INTRODUCTION, ON ITEM NO. 57, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR  
14 INTRODUCTION AMENDING TITLE CODE TITLE 11, HEALTH AND SAFETY,  
15 BY ADDING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SAFE, CONVENIENT AND  
16 SUSTAINABLE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED PHARMACEUTICAL  
17 DRUGS AND UNWANTED SHARPS. THE ORDINANCE REQUIRES  
18 MANUFACTURERS TO CREATE AND FUND A STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM THAT  
19 PROVIDES SAFE, CONVENIENT AND LEGAL MEANS OF DISPOSING OF SAFE  
20 DRUGS AND SHARPS FOR COUNTY RESIDENTS. THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD  
21 WITH R-1. RIGHT, AS PART OF R-1. 58-B WILL BE UNDER R-1. ON  
22 ITEM 58-B, THAT WILL BE HEARD WITH R-1. ON PAGE 35,  
23 MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE  
24 THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE



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1 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ITEM 58-B WILL BE HELD WITH R-1. ON ITEM  
2 58-C THIS ITEM IS BEFORE YOU.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
5 KUEHL. SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE THE ORDER.

6

7 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON ITEM 58-D, THIS ITEM IS BEFORE  
8 YOU.

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10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THIS ITEM IS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
11 KUEHL. SECONDED BY SOLIS. WITHOUT OBJECTION.

12

13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ON PAGE 38, NOTICES OF CLOSED  
14 SESSION FOR MAY 17, 2016. ON ITEMS C.S.-1 AND C.S.-2, MEMBERS  
15 OF THE PUBLIC HAVE REQUESTED THAT THESE ITEMS BE HELD. THAT  
16 COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
17 SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 5.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO GET STARTED, THOUGH,  
20 WITH FORMAL PRESENTATIONS AS NORMALLY CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD  
21 WITH INTRODUCTIONS OF OUR CONSUL GENERAL FROM BULGARIA. SO  
22 WE'LL BEGIN WITH THAT. FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE TO INVITE OUR  
23 CONSUL GENERAL IN LOS ANGELES, THE HONORABLE VESSELIN VALCHEV,  
24 TO COME FORWARD. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE THIS MORNING. THE  
25 CONSUL GENERAL, AS YOU MAY KNOW, IS A CAREER MEMBER OF THE



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1 FOREIGN SERVICE AND IS AT A LEVEL OF MINISTER COUNCILOR. HE  
2 HAS HELD NUMEROUS HIGH POSITIONS IN THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT  
3 INCLUDING HEAD OF THE CABINET TO THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND  
4 MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE OVERSEES ASSIGNMENTS, WHICH  
5 HAVE INCLUDED HIM SERVING AS AMBASSADOR TO CYPRUS AND POSTINGS  
6 IN RUSSIA, THE CZECH REPUBLIC AND KOSOVO. HE ATTENDED THE  
7 ECONOMIC UNIVERSITY IN BERLIN, GERMANY, THEN EARNED A MASTER'S  
8 DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AT THE UNIVERSITY  
9 WORLD AND NATIONAL ECONOMY IN SOPHIA, BULGARIA. IN 1990, HE  
10 WROTE HIS PH.D. THESIS ON INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MOVEMENTS. HE  
11 IS ALSO A GRADUATE OF THE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM AT THE J.F.K.  
12 SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT AT HARVARD AND IS THE AUTHOR OF NUMEROUS  
13 BOOKS AND ARTICLES. IN ADDITION TO BULGARIAN, HE SPEAKS  
14 ENGLISH, GERMAN, RUSSIAN, BASIC FRENCH AND CZECH. BEFORE  
15 COMING TO LOS ANGELES, HE WAS AMBASSADOR AT LARGE AND HEAD OF  
16 THE SECRETARIAT OF THE 38TH ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE  
17 MEETING THAT WAS HOSTED IN BULGARIA IN JUNE OF 2015. ON BEHALF  
18 OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE MORE THAN 10  
19 MILLION RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE  
20 ARE PLEASED TO WELCOME OUR CONSUL GENERAL TO LOS ANGELES. REST  
21 ASSURED THAT WE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU AND YOUR  
22 COUNTRY. THANK YOU.

23  
24 **HON. VESSELIN VALCHEV:** DEAR MS. SOLIS, DEAR MEMBERS OF THE  
25 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THANK YOU





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1 VERY MUCH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS DISTINCTION WHICH I  
2 APPRECIATE AND I RECEIVE AS A GESTURE TOWARDS THE BULGARIAN  
3 PEOPLE AND TOWARDS MY COUNTRY, BULGARIA. I AM PRIVILEGED AND  
4 PLEASED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY ON THE  
5 EVE OF 24TH OF MAY. 24TH OF MAY IS THE DAY OF THE BULGARIAN  
6 CULTURE AND LITERATURE AND SLAVIC SCRIPTS AND I'M VERY PROUD  
7 THAT THE SENATE OF CALIFORNIA LAST YEAR ADOPTED THIS DAY AS  
8 SLAVIC HERITAGE DAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS GESTURE. OF  
9 COURSE, DEAR FRIENDS, I COULD TALK A LOT ABOUT MY COUNTRY, MY  
10 BRAVE PEOPLE, BUT I WANT YOU, WHEN YOU HEAR THE NAME OF  
11 BULGARIA, TO REMEMBER THREE THINGS. NUMBER 1, THIS BULGARIA IS  
12 THE OLDEST COUNTRY IN EUROPE WHICH EXISTS ON THE SAME PLACE  
13 UNDER THE SAME NAME. 1400 YEARS AGO, 1,400 YEARS AGO, THE  
14 BULGARIAN STATE WAS CREATED AND TOOK ITS PLACE ON THE MAP OF  
15 EUROPE. NUMBER 2, CYRIL AND METHODIUS WERE THE TWO BROTHERS  
16 MORE THAN 1,000 YEARS AGO CREATED THE SLAVIC ALPHABET AND THE  
17 SLAVIC SCRIPT. AND TODAY MORE THAN 270 MILLION PEOPLE ARE  
18 WRITING WITH THE SLAVIC ALPHABET AND WITH THE SLAVIC SCRIPT.  
19 AND THE BULGARIAN LANGUAGE IS ONE OF THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGES OF  
20 THE EUROPEAN UNION, WHICH WE'RE A MEMBER OF. AND NUMBER THREE,  
21 DEAR FRIENDS, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, BULGARIA IS THE ONLY COUNTRY  
22 IN EUROPE WHICH DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR SAVED THE  
23 BULGARIAN JEWS. 55,000 LIVES WERE SAVED FROM BEING DEPORTED TO  
24 THE NAZI DEATH CAMPS. AND THIS WAS DUE TO THE HEROIC  
25 RESISTANCE OF THE WHOLE SOCIETY OF THE ORDINARY PEOPLE, OF THE



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1 POLITICIANS, OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PARLIAMENT, OF THE  
2 BULGARIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
3 YOUR ATTENTION. I WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU VERY FRUITFUL  
4 DELIBERATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE ANGELINOS. AND HERE JUST  
5 TO MENTION THAT THE BULGARIAN COMMUNITY IN THE L.A. COUNTY,  
6 THIS IS AN ACTIVE PART OF YOUR COMMUNITY WHICH WITH EVERYDAY  
7 LIFE CONTRIBUTES TO THE WELL-BEING OF YOUR CITIZENS. AND JUST  
8 TO SAY THANK YOU IN BULGARIAN. [SPEAKS BULGARIAN]. THANK YOU  
9 ONCE AGAIN. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I HAVE JUST HAVE TWO PRESENTATIONS  
12 BEFORE I TURN IT OVER TO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. FIRST I WOULD  
13 LIKE TO RECOGNIZE, SPECIAL PRESENTATION, TODAY TO DECLARE  
14 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK AND BUILDING SAFETY MONTH. IF WE  
15 CAN HAVE GAIL FARBER AND COMPANY COME UP? GOOD MORNING TO ALL.  
16 IT'S A GREAT DELIGHT HERE TO BE ABLE TO PRESENT THIS AWARD TO  
17 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OUR DIRECTOR, GAIL FARBER,  
18 AND HER VERY ABLE STAFF. WE'RE SO DELIGHTED THAT THEY COULD  
19 ALL BE HERE THIS MORNING WITH US. YOU KNOW, NATIONAL PUBLIC  
20 WORKS WEEK CELEBRATES AND HONORS THE TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MEN  
21 AND WOMEN IN NORTH AMERICA WHO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC  
22 WORKS INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES. MAY IS ALSO RECOGNIZED AS  
23 BUILDING SAFETY MONTH TO REMIND THE PUBLIC ABOUT OUR LOCAL  
24 CODE OFFICIALS, OUR INSPECTORS, OUR ENGINEERS, OUR  
25 TECHNICIANS, THE PEOPLE WHO IN ESSENCE KEEP US SAFE OUT THERE



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1 ON THE STREETS, ON OUR ROADS AND HIGHWAYS. IT ALSO SERVES TO  
2 RECOGNIZE THE CRITICAL ROLE THAT THEY PLAY IN ASSURING OUR  
3 SAFE, EFFICIENT AND LIVABLE BUILDINGS. PUBLIC WORKS  
4 INFRASTRUCTURE, FACILITIES AND SERVICES ARE OF CRITICAL  
5 IMPORTANCE TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF THE MORE  
6 THAN 10 MILLION RESIDENTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE QUALITY  
7 AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THESE SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS  
8 THEIR PLANNING, DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, IS DEPENDENT UPON THE  
9 DEDICATION, THE COMMITMENT, SKILLS AND TENACITY OF OUR PUBLIC  
10 WORKS PERSONNEL. WE WANT TO THANK THEM AND GIVE THEM A ROUND  
11 OF APPLAUSE AND WE'LL ASK GAIL TO PLEASE SAY A FEW WORDS.

12 [APPLAUSE.]

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14 **GAIL FARBER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
15 BOARD. IT'S A DELIGHT TO BE HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR 4,000 L.A.  
16 COUNTY PROFESSIONALS, PUBLIC WORKS PROFESSIONALS. IT'S A NICE  
17 CELEBRATION THIS WEEK TO RECOGNIZE ALL THAT PUBLIC WORKS DOES.  
18 OUR MISSION IN SUPPORT OF THE COUNTY'S VISION IS TO PROVIDE  
19 THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE AND MUNICIPAL SERVICES TO PROTECT  
20 ENRICH THE DAILY LIVES OF OVER 10 MILLION PEOPLE IN LOS  
21 ANGELES COUNTY. AND THIS YEAR'S THEME NATIONALLY IS "PUBLIC  
22 WORKS, WE'RE ALWAYS THERE AND WE'RE ALWAYS READY." WITH ME  
23 TODAY I'D LIKE TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT. THIS IS EXECUTIVE  
24 LEADERSHIP TEAM WITHOUT WHOSE SUPPORT WE COULDN'T MAKE IT  
25 HAPPEN IN THE COUNTY. I HAVE OUR CHIEF DEPUTY MARK PESTRELLA,



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1 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR JACOB WILLIAMS IS HERE, NOBODY IS BACK AT  
2 HEADQUARTERS, THEY'RE ALL HERE. AND THEN DEPUTY DIRECTOR,  
3 SHARI AFSHARI, OVERSEES ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS ENVIRONMENTAL  
4 SERVICES, PATRICK PERANO, OUR DEPUTY OVER TRANSPORTATION, ALL  
5 THINGS ACCESS AND ROADWAYS AND BRIDGES AND HEALTHY CHOICES FOR  
6 MOBILITY, AS WELL AS ISAAC INDI [PH?], OUR DEPUTY, OUR CHIEF  
7 FINANCIAL OFFICER, AS WELL AS DENNIS HUNTER WHO IS HERE  
8 REPRESENTING OUR LAND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION AND OF COURSE, OUR  
9 BUILDING OFFICIALS WEEK. SO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THIS  
10 RECOGNITION. WE'RE HERE. WE'RE READY TO SERVE AND WE'RE PROUD  
11 TO BE PART OF THE COUNTY TEAM. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, WOW. MEMBERS AND AUDIENCE,  
14 TODAY WE ARE ALSO RECOGNIZING MENTAL HEALTH MONTH. I'D LIKE TO  
15 CALL UP ACTING DIRECTOR ROBIN KAY FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF  
16 MENTAL HEALTH WHO'S DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB, GIVING US SO MANY  
17 YEARS OF SERVICE AND REALLY REVOLUTIONIZED THE WAY WE DO  
18 OUTREACH IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND FOR THAT I COMMEND YOU  
19 PERSONALLY. MENTAL HEALTH, AS YOU KNOW, IS A FUNDAMENTAL  
20 RIGHT. AND IT IS INDISPENSABLE TO PERSONAL WELL-BEING, FAMILY  
21 AND INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS. AND IT ALSO AFFECTS HOW  
22 INDIVIDUALS CONTRIBUTE TO THEIR COMMUNITY AND SOCIETY. MENTAL  
23 HEALTH AFFECTS 1 IN 5 AMERICANS EVERY YEAR. THE CO-OCCURRENCE  
24 OF MENTAL HEALTH ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS A SIGNIFICANT  
25 CONCERN THAT REQUIRES AN INTEGRATED MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT



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1 SYSTEM. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS MADE A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY-  
2 BASED SYSTEMS OF MENTAL HEALTHCARE FOR ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS.  
3 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JOINS THE MENTAL  
4 HEALTH COMMISSION. OUR COMMISSIONERS, I WANT TO THANK THEM  
5 PERSONALLY, THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND OUR  
6 COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN A FOCUSED EFFORT TO RAISE AWARENESS AND  
7 UNDERSTANDING OF MENTAL HEALTH AND ILLNESS DURING THIS MONTH  
8 OF MAY. IT IS SO IMPORTANT. AND NO ONE KNOWS BETTER THAN THIS  
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THE IMPORTANT, SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS  
10 THAT THOSE THAT TAKE ON THIS CAREER TO SERVE THOSE THAT HAVE  
11 MENTAL ILLNESS, HOW IMPORTANT THE QUALITY OF LIFE THAT YOU  
12 PROVIDE TO MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES  
13 COUNTY. WE KNOW ALSO THAT WE HAVE NEW PIVOTS THAT WE HAVE TO  
14 MAKE, ONE OF WHICH IS GOING TO BE AT CENTRAL JAIL, OUR  
15 PROBATION CAMPS AND WITH OUR FOSTER YOUTH AND WITH THOSE  
16 FAMILIES THAT NEED TO HEAL. SO I WANT TO SAY ON THIS DAY THAT  
17 WE SALUTE YOU. WE KNOW YOU'RE OUR CHAMPIONS OF CHANGE AND WANT  
18 TO SAY CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
19 SERVICE. MARY? [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **DR. ROBIN KAY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WANT TO BEGIN BY  
22 PROVIDING YOU WITH THIS LIME GREEN BRACELET IN HONOR OF MENTAL  
23 HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH. WE KNOW THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT FIRST  
24 STEP IN ENSURING THAT PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS GET THE HELP  
25 THEY NEED IS TO RAISE AWARENESS. AND WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO





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1 YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND TO THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR DECLARING MAY AS  
2 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH. AFTER THAT, THERE ARE FOUR  
3 THINGS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO DELIVER A WORLD CLASS MENTAL  
4 HEALTH SYSTEM. THE FIRST, OF COURSE, IS OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH  
5 CLIENTS AND WITH THE FAMILY MEMBERS THAT WE SERVE. AND I'M SO  
6 GRATEFUL TO HAVE BETTY DENDINO FROM THE CLIENT COALITION AND  
7 BRITTANY WEISSMANN FROM N.A.M.I. CELEBRATING WITH US TODAY.  
8 THE SECOND ESSENTIAL ELEMENT IS THE QUALITY OF EFFECTIVE  
9 SERVICES THAT WE DELIVER TO PROMOTE HOPE, WELLNESS AND  
10 RECOVERY. AND HERE TO REPRESENT BOTH OUR DIRECTLY OPERATED  
11 PROGRAMS AND OUR CONTRACT AGENCIES ARE BRUCE SALTZER, JOHN  
12 GRIFFITH. THE THIRD IS LEADERSHIP. AND FOR THAT I WANT TO  
13 THANK THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, OUR AGENCY DIRECTOR, DR.  
14 KATZ, AND OUR UNIONS. AND OF COURSE THE FOURTH ELEMENT IS  
15 POLITICAL AWARENESS AND POLITICAL SUPPORT THAT BRINGS ALL OF  
16 THIS TOGETHER. AND FOR THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I WANT TO GIVE  
17 A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO YOU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
18 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SHEILA, DO YOU WANT TO JOIN US HERE?

21

22 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** TRYING TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE BY MOVING DOWN  
23 HERE AND LISTENING AND SMILING BECAUSE THE WORK THAT IS DONE  
24 FOR THE COUNTY, I'M JUST GOING TO SAY THIS, I KNOW HILDA MAY  
25 NOT AGREE, BUT WE DON'T DO ALL THE WORK OF THE COUNTY. THE



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1 COUNTY'S WORK IS REALLY DONE THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENTS, THROUGH  
2 OUR PARTNERS, THROUGH OUR VOLUNTEERS, AND THROUGH EVERYONE WHO  
3 CARES. THIS IS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY.  
4 AND SO I AM VERY HAPPY TO JOIN IN CELEBRATING OR HONORING  
5 MENTAL HEALTH MONTH TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE WORK THAT IS  
6 DONE, THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE, AND ALL THE WONDERFUL  
7 PEOPLE WHO ARE ENGAGED. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. IF WE CAN HAVE MEMBERS JOIN  
10 US, IF THEY'D LIKE. PLEASE COME FORWARD?

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT'S A REAL HONOR TO RECOGNIZE AN INDIVIDUAL.  
15 WE BOTH WERE RAISED IN SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES. WE BOTH WERE  
16 PROUD GRADUATES OF THOMAS EDISON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL. AND THEN  
17 INSTEAD OF MOVING ON TO FREEMONT HIGH SCHOOL, HERB WENT ON TO  
18 LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL AND I WENT ON TO JOHN MARSHALL HIGH  
19 SCHOOL. BUT THEN WE LATER ATTENDED, AFTER I GOT OUT OF THE  
20 ARMY, THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES TOGETHER.  
21 AND THEN HERB WENT ON TO GET HIS LAW DEGREE AND BECAME ONE OF  
22 OUR GREAT LAWYERS. SO PRIOR TO BECOMING AN ATTORNEY AT LAW HE  
23 SERVED AS A SPECIAL AGENT WITH THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
24 INVESTIGATING FRAUD CASES FOR VARIOUS STATE DEPARTMENTS. HE  
25 SERVED AS AN ATTORNEY AT LAW SINCE 1970, FIRST AS A DEPUTY



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1 PUBLIC DEFENDER AND THEN IN PRIVATE PRACTICE. IN 1979, HE  
2 BECAME THE PRINCIPAL REFEREE FOR THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA,  
3 HEARING CASES CONCERNING APPLICANTS FOR OMISSION AND  
4 DISCIPLINE CASES AGAINST ATTORNEYS. THEN IN 1982 HE SERVED AS  
5 ARBITRATION FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION,  
6 HEARING THOSE CASES INVOLVING FEE DISPUTES BETWEEN CLIENTS AND  
7 ATTORNEYS. IN 2002, HERB WAS APPOINTED AS A HEARING OFFICER  
8 WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION WHERE HE  
9 HAS SERVED FOR THE PAST 14 YEARS, HEARING CASES RELATED TO  
10 COUNTY EMPLOYEE DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS, REDUCTION AND  
11 DISCHARGE APPEALS AND OTHER MATTERS ASSIGNED TO THE CIVIL  
12 SERVICE COMMISSION BY THE COUNTY CHARTER AND CIVIL SERVICE  
13 RULES. HE WROTE HIS MOST RECENT DECISION FOR THAT BODY IN  
14 MARCH OF THIS YEAR BEFORE ENDING HIS SERVICE. HERB AND I AND  
15 OUR OTHER CLASSMATE, KIND OF HAD A LIFE IN PUBLIC SERVICE, AND  
16 THAT WAS CONGRESSMAN HENRY WAXMAN. SO WE ALL HAD THE SAME  
17 GOVERNMENT TEACHERS AND OTHER TEACHERS AT EDISON AND WENT ON.  
18 AND THEN HERB'S BROTHER HAS ALWAYS BEEN INVOLVED IN POLLING  
19 AND HAS BEEN A VERY RESPONSIBLE POLLSTER. SO THE STEINBERGS  
20 AND THEN FRED, HERB'S BROTHER FRED, AND MY BROTHER, WERE PROUD  
21 GRADUATES OF JOHN C. FREEMONT HIGH SCHOOL BACK IN THE EARLY  
22 DAYS. SO HERB, THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP. WE WISH YOU MANY  
23 MORE YEARS OF HAPPINESS IN YOUR RETIREMENT AND GOD BLESS YOU.  
24 [APPLAUSE.]

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1   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A DUEL, A BUTTERCUP AND A MUFFIN.  
2   THREE MONTH OLD POODLE MIX AND CHIHUAHUA MIX. THIS IS  
3   BUTTERCUP. LITTLE BUTTERCUP. AND THERE'S MUFFIN. YOU GET A  
4   BUTTERCUP AND A MUFFIN, HUH? THAT'S BETTER THAN STARBUCKS,  
5   RIGHT? ANYWAY, GIVE YOU A LOT OF LOVE. ANYBODY WHO'D LIKE TO  
6   ADOPT ONE OR BOTH, YOU CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER 562-728-  
7   4610. AND LITTLE BUTTERCUP AND MUFFIN. THANK YOU.

8

9   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ARE UP FOR ADOPTION. MOVING ON  
10   NOW, MEMBERS, WE'LL RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR A  
11   PRESENTATION.

12

13   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, THANK YOU VERY MUCH LADIES AND  
14   GENTLEMEN. AS THEY COME, GIVE THEM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. THE  
15   CUBS ARE IN THE HOUSE TODAY. A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THESE  
16   YOUNG MEN FROM LOYOLA HIGH. [APPLAUSE.] ALL RIGHT. WE THANK  
17   YOU ONCE AGAIN AND WE ACKNOWLEDGE THESE EXCEPTIONAL YOUNG MEN  
18   AND THEIR COACH, CHRIS WALTER, AND BRAD LEGANT AND FATHER  
19   STEVEN BARBER AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE HIGH SCHOOL,  
20   FATHER GOETHALS, AND WE ARE GLAD THAT THEY ARE HERE. LOYOLA,  
21   AS YOU WELL KNOW, IS THE OLDEST-- OR SHOULD KNOW AND YOU WILL  
22   KNOW-- IS THE OLDEST CONTINUING, CONTINUOUSLY RUN EDUCATIONAL  
23   INSTITUTION THAT IS HIGH SCHOOL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. OVER  
24   150 YEARS NOW, THIS CATHOLIC JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTED TO  
25   PROVIDING A RIGOROUS COLLEGE PREPARATORY EDUCATION TO A



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1 DIVERSE GROUP OF YOUNG MEN WHO GRADUATE PREPARED TO LEAD AND  
2 TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES. THEY ARE MEN FOR OTHERS. LOYOLA  
3 HAS BECOME KNOWN NOT ONLY FOR THEIR ACADEMICS AND COMMITMENT  
4 TO THE COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENT IN SPORTS.  
5 TODAY WE RECOGNIZE THE VARSITY SOCCER TEAM, WHICH HAS AN  
6 ESTEEMED LIST OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS. LET ME SHARE THEM WITH YOU.  
7 IN THE 2015/2016 SEASON, THEIR OVERALL RECORD WAS AN  
8 IMPRESSIVE 28 WINS AND 4 LOSSES. THEY EVEN ENDED THE SEASON ON  
9 A 21-GAME WINNING STREAK. I THINK THAT DESERVES A ROUND OF  
10 APPLAUSE ALL BY ITSELF. [APPLAUSE] THEY WENT ON TO WIN THE  
11 C.I.F. DIVISION ONE CHAMPIONSHIP AND THIS IS THEIR FIFTH TIME  
12 DOING SO. THEY ALSO WON THE MISSION LEAGUE FOR THE EIGHTH  
13 CONSECUTIVE YEAR, GOING UNDEFEATED IN THEIR LEAGUE AND WON THE  
14 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL DIVISION ONE CHAMPIONSHIP. THIS  
15 TEAM IS RANKED NUMBER ONE IN THE STATE BY MULTIPLE RANKINGS  
16 AND NUMBER FOUR ACROSS THE NATION. AND ON TOP OF THAT, THE  
17 TEAM IS COMPRISED OF EMERGING SCHOLARS, COMMITTED TO THEIR  
18 EDUCATION WITH AN AVERAGE UNWEIGHTED G.P.A. OF 3.61, 3.61,  
19 THESE YOUNG MEN ARE DOING IT BIG TIME AND WE CELEBRATE THEM.  
20 [APPLAUSE] THE SENIORS ARE GOING TO COLLEGES ACROSS AND  
21 UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE NATION. FROM COLUMBIA TO U.C. BERKELEY  
22 TO BOSTON COLLEGE, TO FORDHAM, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO AND TO  
23 THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I DON'T MIND IF YOU  
24 SAY, FIGHT ON! THIS A PHENOMENAL TEAM AND A PHENOMENAL SCHOOL  
25 THAT I'M PROUD TO REPRESENT IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL





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1 DISTRICT. AND I'M THEREFORE PLEASED TO WELCOME THE ENTIRE  
2 TEAM, INCLUDING THE PLAYERS, THE STUDENT MANAGERS WITH SPECIAL  
3 RECOGNITION TO THE TEAM CAPTAINS. LET'S GIVE THEM A HAND.  
4 CLAYTON BARNES. GIVE CLAYTON A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. WHERE  
5 ARE YOU, CLAYTON, WAVE YOUR HAND? [APPLAUSE] AND ELLIOT SMITH-  
6 HASTIE, GIVE HIM A ROUND OF APPLAUSE. ELLIOT. [APPLAUSE] SO  
7 THEY ARE IN GOOD HANDS WITH THEIR FAMILY WHO SUPPORTS THEM,  
8 THE STAFF AT THE COLLEGE, I'M SORRY, AT THE HIGH SCHOOL, THAT  
9 STANDS WITH THEM AND SUPPORTS THEM. THEY DO IT THE RIGHT WAY  
10 AND I'M PLEASED JUST TO BE HERE TO HONOR THESE YOUNG MEN WHO  
11 ARE DOING WELL IN THEIR ACADEMICS AS WELL AS IN THEIR  
12 ATHLETICS. IT'S OUR HONOR TO HAVE THEM HERE TODAY. AND WE WISH  
13 TO ACKNOWLEDGE ONCE AGAIN THE PRESIDENT OF THE SCHOOL FATHER  
14 GREGORY. WHERE ARE YOU, FATHER GREGORY? GIVE HIM A ROUND OF  
15 APPLAUSE. HE'S RIGHT HERE. [APPLAUSE.] AND WE'RE GOING TO HEAR  
16 NOW FROM BOTH FATHER GREGORY, BUT LET'S HEAR FROM COACH CHRIS  
17 WALTER. GIVE CHRIS A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE AND THEN WE'LL  
18 CLOSE OUT WITH HIM. OH, COME ON, TEAM, GIVE HIM A BIG ROUND OF  
19 APPLAUSE.

20

21 **CHRIS WALTER:** THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL,  
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE BOARD. MR. MICHAEL CANO, OVER  
23 THERE. ALUMNI SOCCER PLAYER, AS WELL, FOR OPEN RANGES.  
24 [APPLAUSE.] THANK YOU FOR ALL THE PARENTS OUT THERE FOR  
25 SUPPORTING US THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE SEASON. AND WE ARE JUST



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1 VERY BLESSED AND FORTUNATE TO HAVE THESE INDIVIDUALS BACK HERE  
2 THAT GAVE EVERYTHING THEY COULD TO LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL AND TO  
3 THEIR TEAMMATES. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR EVERYTHING.

4 [APPLAUSE]

5

6 **FR. GREGORY GOETHALS:** AND I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR  
7 ALLOWING US TO BE HERE, AS WELL. THIS SOCCER TEAM WAS HERE TWO  
8 YEARS AGO WHEN THEY WON THE C.I.F., AND I WAS HERE ABOUT A  
9 YEAR AGO THANKING THE BOARD FOR HONORING US AT OUR 150TH  
10 ANNIVERSARY. AND WE ARE BACK HERE TODAY. AND IT'S THESE YOUNG  
11 MEN THAT HAVE ALL DONE THE GREAT WORK THAT HAVE BROUGHT THEM  
12 TO THIS POINT. AND IT'S PART OF THE EXCELLENCE THAT WE HOPE IS  
13 ALL OF LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL AND THE EXCELLENCE THAT IS TRULY THE  
14 HALLMARK OF JESUIT EDUCATION. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
15 RIDLEY-THOMAS. HE IS A GOOD FRIEND OF LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL AND A  
16 LOYOLA DAD, WHICH IS A GREAT THING. AND WE WANT TO THANK ALL  
17 OF THE BOARD FOR YOUR GOODNESS AND YOUR KINDNESS AND ALL OF  
18 YOUR GOOD WORK. SO THANK YOU ALL. THANK YOU FOR LETTING US BE  
19 HERE TODAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL MARY WICKHAM WOULD WANT YOU TO KNOW  
22 THAT SHE'S A LOYOLA MOM. AND MIKE CANO WANTS YOU TO KNOW THAT  
23 HE IS A LOYOLA ALUM OF SOME CONSEQUENCE, SO LET'S GIVE MIKE A  
24 CHANCE TO . COME IN AND REMINISCE ABOUT HIS DAYS GONE BY. COME  
25 ON UP HERE AND TAKE A PICTURE WITH US, MIKE. LADIES AND



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1 GENTLEMEN, THESE ARE THE LOYOLA CUBS. AND YOU SHOULD KNOW  
2 THIS, THIS PAST WEEKEND, LOYOLA WON THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA,  
3 THE SOUTHERN C.I.F. TITLES IN GOLF, LACROSSE, AND IN SWIMMING,  
4 THEY DO IT ALL. GIVE THEM ANOTHER ROUND OF APPLAUSE. DON?  
5 SHEILA, COME AND JOIN IN. MIKE?

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY  
8 PRIVILEGE TO CALL FORWARD SANDY THORSTENSON, WHO IS  
9 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE WHITTIER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. SHE  
10 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SIX SCHOOL CAMPUSES AND OVER 20,000 SCHOOL  
11 OR ADULT SCHOOL STUDENTS. SHE'S BEEN A WHITTIER RESIDENT SINCE  
12 THE AGE OF FIVE. SHE GRADUATED FROM WHITTIER HIGH SCHOOL AS  
13 WELL AS WHITTIER COLLEGE. COULD WE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION OUT  
14 THERE, PLEASE? [GAVEL.]

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** SHE BEGAN HER CAREER IN THE WHITTIER UNION HIGH  
17 SCHOOL DISTRICT IN 1977 AND SPEARHEADED THE TRANSFORMATION OF  
18 THE DISTRICT INTO A VERY HIGH- ACHIEVING DISTRICT, RECOGNIZED  
19 ACROSS THE NATION, UTILIZING THE WHATEVER IT TAKES INITIATIVE.  
20 SHE'S ALWAYS BEEN A STRONG COLLABORATOR AND IS KNOWN BY HER  
21 COLLEAGUES TO BE A THOUGHTFUL, POSITIVE, ENERGETIC LEADER AND  
22 I ALWAYS FOUND HER TO BE A GREAT FRIEND. SHE WAS A RECIPIENT  
23 OF THE 2012 CALIFORNIA NATIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR AND  
24 WAS SELECTED BY GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN TO CHAIR THE INAUGURAL  
25 CALIFORNIA COLLABORATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE BOARD. SHE



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1 IS WELL RESPECTED BY HER STAFF, STUDENTS AND THE MANY FAMILIES  
2 AND THE LIVES THAT SHE'S SERVED FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. AND  
3 BECAUSE OF HER HEART AND HER DEDICATION TO EDUCATION. SHE  
4 ALWAYS HAD THE FAITH IN THE STUDENTS AND HER STAFF. SHE  
5 ESTABLISHED A POSITIVE ENVIRONMENT THAT PROMOTED THE GROWTH OF  
6 STRONG STUDENTS INTO STRONG YOUNG ADULTS AND KNEW THAT AN  
7 INVESTMENT INTO A STUDENT WAS AN INVESTMENT TO THE SUCCESS FOR  
8 THEM AND THEIR FUTURE. SO AFTER 39 YEARS OF SUPERIOR  
9 LEADERSHIP, SHE'S GOING TO BE RETIRING THIS JUNE. SO ON BEHALF  
10 OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES AND THE BOARD AND THE STUDENTS IN  
11 HER DISTRICT, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY THE 10 MILLION RESIDENTS IN  
12 OUR GREAT COUNTY, WE JUST WANT TO SAY A HEARTFELT THANKS FOR  
13 39 INCREDIBLE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE STUDENTS AT WHITTIER  
14 UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY THE IMPACT  
15 THAT SHE'S HAD IN THOSE LIVES FROM BEGINNING TO END AND ON  
16 INTO THEIR FUTURE. SO, SANDY, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. A  
17 PLEASANT AND ENJOYABLE RETIREMENT, MOST IMPORTANT GOOD HEALTH,  
18 GOD SPEED AND THANK YOU FOR BEING A GREAT FRIEND OVER THE  
19 YEARS. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SANDRA THORSTENSON:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE. IT'S A REAL  
22 HONOR TO BE HERE. TODAY I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE MY HUSBAND GREG  
23 THORSTENSON AND MY FATHER IN FATHER, RICH AND VIRGINIA  
24 SANCHEZ, WHO ARE WITH ME AND OUR BOARD PRESIDENT LEIGHTON  
25 ANDERSON. [APPLAUSE.] I'VE HAD THE PLEASURE OF SERVING IN THE



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1 WHITTIER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR 39 YEARS, 15 YEARS OF  
2 THOSE YEARS OF SERVICE AS SUPERINTENDENT. AND I'VE BEEN  
3 BLESSED TO WORK IN AN ENVIRONMENT THAT REALLY IS VERY FOCUSED  
4 ON STUDENTS, ON THEIR WELL-BEING, ON THEIR ACHIEVEMENT. I'VE  
5 BEEN BLESSED TO WORK WITH AN OUTSTANDING BOARD OF TRUSTEES.  
6 THEY HAVE DEMONSTRATED SERVANT LEADERSHIP, WHICH HAS BEEN  
7 INSTRUMENTAL IN THE SUCCESS, THE REMARKABLE SUCCESS, OF ALL OF  
8 OUR SCHOOLS. EVERY ONE OF OUR SCHOOLS HAS SHOWN STEADY GROWTH  
9 EVERY YEAR IN MULTIPLE INDICATORS NO MATTER THE DEMOGRAPHICS  
10 IN ALL STUDENT GROUPS AND WE'RE VERY, VERY PROUD OF THE  
11 EFFORTS OF ALL OF OUR FACULTY AND STAFF ON BEHALF OF OUR KIDS  
12 THAT WE SERVE IN THE WHITTIER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT. I'M  
13 DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR AN INCREDIBLY SUPPORTIVE FAMILY. THIS KIND  
14 OF WORK DOES NOT GET DONE ALONE. OUR STAFF CERTAINLY ARE DOING  
15 THE MOST IMPORTANT WORK, BUT MY FAMILY HAS ALLOWED ME TO  
16 INVEST MY TIME IN THE SERVICE OF THE STUDENTS OF THE WHITTIER  
17 HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT AND I'D LIKE TO GIVE A SPECIAL THANKS TO  
18 MY HUSBAND OF 37 YEARS, GREG THORSTENSON, WITHOUT WHOSE  
19 SUPPORT THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SERVE AS I  
20 HAVE. AND ALSO I'D LIKE TO HONOR MY MOTHER AND FATHER WHO HAVE  
21 GIVEN ME THE GIFT OF A VERY LOVING, SUPPORTIVE, FAITH-FILLED  
22 UPBRINGING AND CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THEIR KIDS, GRANDKIDS AND  
23 GREAT GRANDKIDS EVERY DAY. THEY'RE OUTSTANDING ROLE MODELS IN  
24 WHAT IT REALLY MEANS TO HAVE A FAITH-FILLED, LOVING AND  
25 SUPPORTIVE FAMILY. AND I'M VERY, VERY GRATEFUL TO THEM AND



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1 ALWAYS WILL BE. SUPERVISOR KNABE, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR  
2 STELLAR SUPPORT OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND THE BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH FOR THIS HONOR. I  
4 APPRECIATE IT VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. NEXT I'D LIKE TO ASK  
7 GENERAL RUTH WONG, THE DIRECTOR OF OUR DEPARTMENT OF MILITARY  
8 AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS FRANKLIN KOVAX FLORES, SOON  
9 TO BE A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. WE ARE HERE  
10 TO HONOR THESE EXTRAORDINARY FOLKS FOR ALL THE SERVICES TODAY,  
11 OUR AIRMEN, SOLDIERS, SAILORS, MARINES AND COAST GUARDSMEN,  
12 THEY WEAR DIFFERENT UNIFORMS, HAVE A UNIQUE SET OF TRADITIONS  
13 AND PERFORM DIFFERENT MISSIONS. BUT WHEN WE THINK OF THOSE  
14 SERVING IN OUR ARMED SERVICES, REGARDLESS OF WHAT BRANCH OR  
15 WHAT DUTY THEY PERFORM, WE THINK OF ONE WORD: SACRIFICE. IN  
16 DOING THEIR DUTY, THEY ARE MAKING GREAT SACRIFICES, READY TO  
17 DISPLAY AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE AND PREPARE TO PUT THEIR LIVES ON  
18 THE LINE TO DEFEND OUR FREEDOMS AND OUR WAY OF LIFE. THEY  
19 ENDURE SO THE REST OF US CAN LIVE FREELY. NO MATTER WHERE  
20 THESE MEN AND WOMEN ARE SERVING OR WHAT MISSION THEY ARE  
21 SUPPORTING, THEY ARE ALL MAKING SACRIFICES FOR A BETTER WORLD  
22 AND TO SERVE AMERICA. WE ALSO WANT TO GIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITION  
23 TO FRANKLIN. LATER THIS MONTH, FRANKLIN WILL BEGIN HIS  
24 DEPLOYMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS. BUT FRANKLIN HAS  
25 A VERY SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE WAS





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1 ADOPTED THROUGH OUR FOSTER CARE PROGRAM AND HAS SPENT THE LAST  
2 EIGHT YEARS WORKING WITH D.C.F.S. TO SHARE HIS JOURNEY IN  
3 FOSTER CARE AND ADOPTION WITH FAMILIES IN ORDER TO PREPARE  
4 THEM TO BECOME FOSTER AND ADOPTIVE PARENTS. FRANKLIN WILL BE  
5 MISSED BY THE COUNTY, BUT WE ARE SO PROUD THAT HE HAS CHOSEN  
6 TO SERVE OUR COUNTRY THROUGH HIS DEPLOYMENT WITH THE UNITED  
7 STATES MARINE CORPS. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF THE COUNTY  
8 OF LOS ANGELES, WE'D LIKE TO THANK RUTH IN CELEBRATION OF  
9 ARMED FORCES DAY AND FRANKLIN FOR BEING HERE AND WISH HIM GOD  
10 SPEED AND SAFE JOURNEY AS HE BECOMES A MEMBER OF THE MARINE  
11 CORPS. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **GEN. RUTH WONG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE AND BOARD MEMBERS,  
14 I'M PLEASED TO BRING WITH ME TODAY COMMISSIONERS ANTONIO CHAPA  
15 AND COMMISSIONER PAT JACKSON KELLY. OUR MESSAGE IS: THAT  
16 "ARMED FORCES DAY" IS A DAY TO HONOR AMERICANS IN UNIFORM WHO  
17 SERVED OUR COUNTRY IN TIMES OF WAR AND PEACE. WE PAY TRIBUTE  
18 TO THOSE WARRIORS BY SHOWING OUR GRATITUDE TO NOT ONLY OUR  
19 MILITARY MEMBERS CURRENTLY SERVING BUT OUR VETERANS WHO  
20 PROUDLY SERVED. EVENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTING THE GOOD  
21 WORKS OF OUR SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS, ALONG WITH OUR COUNTY  
22 PARTNERS AND THE MILITARY, ARE WAYS TO SHOW OUR APPRECIATION.  
23 THIS SATURDAY, AT PATRIOTIC HALL WE ARE HOSTING TWO SPECIAL  
24 EVENTS. ONE IS AN EMPLOYMENT FAIR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH U.S.  
25 VETS AND THE L.A. UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT



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1 HAS MORE THAN 200 TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE AND HOPES TO  
2 FIND QUALIFIED VETERANS TO FILL THESE. THE SECOND EVENT IS THE  
3 ARMY R.O.T.C. COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR 400 STUDENTS WHO WILL  
4 BECOME OFFICERS IN THE U.S. ARMY. THESE SPECIAL EVENTS HELP  
5 PROMOTE THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR MILITARY ACROSS THE GLOBE. THE  
6 VETERANS WHO CONTINUE TO SERVE THEIR COMMUNITIES AS WELL AS  
7 INSPIRE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE TO CONSIDER JOINING THE ARMED FORCES.  
8 I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL OF YOU TO ENCOURAGE MILITARY MEMBERS AND  
9 VETERANS THAT YOU KNOW TO TALK ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCES AND THE  
10 PEOPLE THAT THEY'VE SERVED WITH. THIS IS ONE WAY TO SHOW OUR  
11 APPRECIATION AND TO HONOR THEM FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR  
12 COUNTRY. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. AND I WOULD JUST ADD IN CELEBRATION OF  
15 ARMED FORCES DAY, IF YOU WANT TO GO OUT AND SEE A WONDERFUL  
16 PARADE IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE, THEY HAVE THEIR ANNUAL ARMED  
17 FORCES DAY PARADE. I WOULD ASK AND ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO GO  
18 OUT AND SAY THANK YOU TO OUR MEN AND WOMEN THAT ARE CURRENTLY  
19 SERVING AS WELL AS THE VETERANS THAT WILL BE IN THAT PARADE.  
20 SO THANK YOU, RUTH. CONGRATULATIONS. THANK YOU, ALL.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AT THIS TIME, MEMBERS OF THE  
23 AUDIENCE, THIS IS WHEN WE TAKE UP PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS THAT  
24 WERE HELD. AND INDIVIDUALS ARE GIVEN APPROXIMATELY THREE



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1 MINUTES, TWO MINUTES. AND IF YOU'LL PLEASE INDULGE US AND  
2 LISTEN TO THIS RECORDING. THANK YOU.

3

4 **RECORDING:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR  
5 ATTENTION. THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
6 SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW  
7 BE READ, AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE  
8 EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE  
9 PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD  
10 HEARING, AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER,  
11 THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED  
12 WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE  
13 WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE  
14 REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE  
15 SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT  
16 ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT  
17 ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE  
18 JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE  
19 RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF.  
20 PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM  
21 UTTERING, WRITING OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL,  
22 THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS  
23 TOWARDS THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER  
24 PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE  
25 VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS AND MAY



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1 NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY  
2 CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT  
3 DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE  
4 BOARD MEETING. AND, FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR  
5 BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR  
6 ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING,  
7 PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF.  
8 THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO INFORM THE  
11 AUDIENCE THAT TYPICALLY WE REFRAIN FROM CLAPPING AND LOUD  
12 VOICES. SO IF YOU FEEL EXCITED ABOUT SOMETHING AND YOU'RE IN  
13 AGREEMENT, AS I'VE BEEN TOLD BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU  
14 "RAISE THE ROOF" SEE? YOU RAISE THE ROOF. SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO  
15 CLAP. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE BOISTEROUS OR WHISTLING. I KNOW  
16 THERE'S A LOT OF EXCITEMENT TODAY AND IT'S ALL GOOD BUT LET'S  
17 TRY TO KEEP THE DECORUM SO WE CAN MOVE THIS ALONG. SO WITH  
18 THAT, I'D LIKE TO CALL UP DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS FROM  
19 LANCASTER. SHE'S HELD ITEM 2, 16 AND PUBLIC COMMENT.

20

21 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** YES, THIS IS DR. DIANA BEARD  
22 WILLIAMS FROM PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA. AND I'M NOT GOING TO  
23 COMMENT ON PUBLIC COMMENTS AT THIS TIME. I'M GOING TO COMMENT,  
24 SUPERVISOR, WHEN THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION COMES UP SO THAT I  
25 CAN DO IT IN SYNC WITH THREE OTHER PEOPLE WHO ARE HERE WITH



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1 ME. IN TERMS OF ITEM 2, MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, I THINK  
2 THAT IT'S EXCEPTIONAL THAT YOU WOULD DESIGNATE SOMETHING AS  
3 MENTAL HEALTH MONTH AND THE COMMENTS THAT YOU MADE WERE  
4 EXCEPTIONAL IN TERMS OF HOW IMPORTANT MENTAL HEALTH IS TO OUR  
5 COMMUNITY. BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE INTO  
6 CONSIDERATION AS A BOARD AND I HAVE SAID IT FOR YEARS AND  
7 YEARS, WE DO NOT GET THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES IN THE  
8 ANTELOPE VALLEY. I THINK THAT WE'RE FORGOTTEN UP HERE. AND I  
9 CAN PROVE IT COUNTLESS TIMES OVER AND OVER AGAIN. AND I DON'T  
10 WANT TO WASTE MY TIME DOING THAT. BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH JUST  
11 SIMPLY TO SAY THIS IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH, THIS IS CHICANO  
12 MONTH, THIS IS THIS MONTH, THIS IS THAT MONTH. THE REALITY IS  
13 WHAT HAPPENS ALL YEAR LONG. AND SO, YES, IT'S NICE TO LABEL  
14 SOMETHING MENTAL HEALTH MONTH BUT IT'S ALSO MORE INDICATIVE OF  
15 THE NEEDS OF A COMMUNITY SUCH AS THE ANTELOPE VALLEY WHEN WE  
16 CAN SIT DOWN AND WE CAN SHOW THAT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ARE  
17 NOT BEING PROVIDED. I DON'T CARE WHAT PROVIDERS YOU TALK WITH.  
18 I DON'T CARE WHAT SOCIAL SERVICE PEOPLE YOU GO TO, I HAVE A  
19 DIRECT LINE TO MANY OF THE AGENCIES. AND THEY WILL TELL ME  
20 PRIVATELY THAT THEY'RE NOT GETTING THE FUNDING THEY NEED.  
21 THEY'RE NOT PROVIDING THE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT THEY  
22 NEED FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY. AND THAT WHAT WE ARE  
23 DOING IS TANTAMOUNT TO CHANNELING THESE PEOPLE INTO JAILS AND  
24 INTO A LIFE OF CRIME, INTO A LIFE OF DESPAIR. SO CALLING  
25 SOMETHING A MONTH IS BEAUTIFUL. BUT ACTUALLY DOING SOMETHING



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1 IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY THAT WE CAN QUANTIFY AND THAT WE CAN  
2 ACTUALLY SEE AND THAT I CAN ACTUALLY SPEAK ON IS MORE  
3 IMPORTANT TO ME. I AM VERY MUCH OUT THERE. I AM EVERYWHERE. MY  
4 PHONE NEVER STOPS RINGING, AS MIKE WILL TELL YOU FOR 30 YEARS.  
5 PEOPLE COME TO ME. THE SERVICES ARE NOT HERE IN THE ANTELOPE  
6 VALLEY. SO PLEASE, LABEL SOMETHING A MONTH IF YOU WANT TO.  
7 LABEL IT BLACK HISTORY MONTH. LABEL IT BEAUTIFUL QUEENS MONTH.  
8 BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS WHAT YOU DO ALL YEAR LONG FOR THESE  
9 KIDS AND THESE ADULTS UP HERE. AND WE ARE NOT GETTING  
10 SERVICES. AND IN MY BOOK, WHICH IS COMING OUT THIS YEAR, "IN  
11 ABSENCE OF HONOR," YOU WILL SEE DETAILED MANY CASE STUDIES OF  
12 PEOPLE WHO HAVE FALLEN BETWEEN THE CRACKS BECAUSE THE  
13 THERAPISTS THEMSELVES TELL ME THEY'RE EITHER NOT PROPERLY  
14 TRAINED OR THEY DON'T HAVE THE MONEY. AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
15 BIG AGENCIES. SO WHERE THE HECK IS THE MONEY GOING? GOD BLESS  
16 YOU AND THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE NOW HAVE MR. MICHAEL  
19 JENKINS FROM LANCASTER WHO HELD ITEM NO. 2 AND PUBLIC COMMENT?  
20 OH, JUST 2. JUST ITEM NO. 2? MR. MICHAEL JENKINS.

21

22 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, GOOD  
23 MORNING MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, GOOD MORNING SUPERVISOR  
24 ANTONOVICH. I'M MICHAEL JENKINS AND AGAIN I'M HERE ON BEHALF  
25 OF THE MENTAL HEALTH, THAT'S NOT DIRECTED HERE IN THE ANTELOPE





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1 VALLEY. LIKE I SAID, THIS IS A PLANTATION. THIS IS NOT A PLACE  
2 TO LIVE. THE REASON WHY I SAY THAT IS BECAUSE MY DAUGHTER IS  
3 SPECIAL NEEDS. MY SON IS SPECIAL NEEDS. HE'LL BE UP SOON TO  
4 TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT. BUT, YES, WE'RE NOT GETTING THE  
5 SERVICES THAT WE NEED UP HERE. MY SON IS NOT GETTING THE HELP  
6 PROVIDED THAT HAD HE NEED UP HERE. MENTAL HEALTH IS NOT HERE.  
7 WE DON'T HAVE ANY KIND OF SERVICES HERE AND I ASKED AND ASKED  
8 TIME AND TIME AGAIN FOR HELP. I'VE TALKED TO SUPERVISOR THOMAS  
9 WHO IS A GRADUATE OF MANUAL ARTS HIGH. ALL RIGHT, TOILER  
10 POWER, YES. BUT ANYWAY, WE NEED THE HELP OUT HERE. MARK  
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS, THIS IS NOT YOUR DISTRICT. TALK TO SUPERVISOR  
12 ANTONOVICH. GET SOMETHING DONE. I ASKED YOU GET SOMETHING  
13 DONE, MARK. YOU CAN TALK TO US, MARK, TO MIKE ANTONOVICH ABOUT  
14 THIS. MIKE ANTONOVICH, YOU KNOW THIS IS A PLANTATION. EVEN WE  
15 KNOW THAT YOU ARE JUST TRYING TO TERM OUT. WE KNOW THAT MENTAL  
16 HEALTH HERE IS NOT HERE. WE KNOW THAT YOUR NAME IS ON THE  
17 COURTHOUSE HERE. WE'RE NOT GETTING JUSTICE THERE. THERE'S NO  
18 JUSTICE HERE FOR NOBODY. THIS IS A PLANTATION, MIKE  
19 ANTONOVICH. AND I KNOW THAT YOU'RE LISTENING. THIS IS A  
20 PLANTATION. WE DON'T GET JUSTICE HERE AT THE COURTHOUSE. WE  
21 DON'T GET JUSTICE NOWHERE. MENTAL HEALTH IS REALLY OBSOLETE  
22 HERE. WE NEED YOUR HELP, MIKE. DO SOMETHING BEFORE YOU TERM  
23 OUT. HELP MY FAMILY, MY GRANDDAUGHTER. I'M GOING TO COURT WITH  
24 HER ON MONDAY. I'VE ASKED YOU TIME AND TIME AGAIN TO HELP US  
25 WITH THAT. THE ATTORNEY YELLS AT ME IN THE HALLWAY LIKE I'M



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1 NOTHING. PLEASE, MIKE, DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS BEFORE YOU TERM  
2 OUT. HELP ME GET MY GRANDDAUGHTER. SHE'S IN SOCIAL SERVICES.  
3 YOU KNOW THIS. I'VE TALKED TO YOU ABOUT IT, MIKE ANTONOVICH.  
4 DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. HELP ME GET MY FAMILY TOGETHER. THE  
5 LADY THAT HAS HER IN FOSTER CARE IS A RACIST. SHE'S A BIGOT.  
6 SHE DON'T LIKE US. SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCY, SUSAN CHIP MUNSON IS  
7 AGAINST US. THE THE SOCIAL SERVICE DEPARTMENT IS AGAINST US.  
8 I'M FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE HERE. I NEED YOUR HELP. I NEED  
9 THE SUPERVISORS' HELP THAT'S DOWN THERE. SOMEBODY GOT TO HELP  
10 ME GET MY GRANDDAUGHTER ON THE 23RD WHEN I GO TO COURT MONDAY.  
11 I'M FIGHTING A LOSING BATTLE HERE. ALL I'M ASKING IS FOR YOUR  
12 ASSISTANCE AND YOUR HELP TO GET MY SPECIAL NEEDS GRANDDAUGHTER  
13 THAT WAS AIR LIFTED FROM ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL TO  
14 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WITH A HOLE IN HER HEART. SHE STOPPED  
15 BREATHING TWICE. I TOLD YOU THIS, MIKE ANTONOVICH. YOU GOT THE  
16 RECORDS. HELP ME.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED.  
19 NEXT WE HAVE ERIC PREVEN WHO HAS HELD ITEM 2, 9, 12, 20, 22,  
20 26, 31, 38, 41, 44, 46 AND C.S.-2 AND ALSO ARNOLD SACHS WHO'S  
21 HELD ITEM 1-P, 10, 16 AND C.S.-1. YOU'RE ON.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I DID HOLD THE FOUR. I HELD ITEM 1-P. IT  
24 MENTIONS EXCESS FUNDS. SHOULDN'T THOSE EXCESS FUNDS WHICH WERE  
25 ACTUALLY PARK PROPOSITION FUNDS THAT MORPHED INTO EXCESS



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1 FUNDS. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU READ THE STORY IN THE NEWSPAPER  
2 ABOUT MAYWOOD BEING \$16 MILLION IN DEBT, THE BUDGET DEFICIT.  
3 BY THE WAY, THE COUNTY'S DEFICIT, \$47 BILLION WHICH IS 3,000  
4 TIMES MORE THAN THE MAYWOOD DEBT. BUT BACK TO THE EXCESS  
5 FUNDS. SHOULDN'T THOSE FUNDS THEN BE RETURNED TO THE CITY SO  
6 THEY COULD HELP PAY DOWN THE DEBT THAT THEY HAVE. IT IS CITY'S  
7 EXCESS FUNDS. I HELD ITEM NO. 10. IT REFERS TO THE CALIFORNIA  
8 COMMISSION MODEL FILM ORDINANCE. AND HERE WE ARE ACTING. DID  
9 YOU HAPPEN TO READ THAT STORY ABOUT DISNEY IN GEORGIA AND HOW  
10 THE GEORGIA FILMING INDUSTRY WENT FROM A FEW MILLION DOLLARS  
11 TO OVER \$1 BILLION IN LIKE LESS THAN 10 YEARS? YOU SHOULD  
12 ACKNOWLEDGE THE THOUSANDS OF FILM INDUSTRY JOBS THAT LEFT THE  
13 FILMING CAPITAL OF AMERICA BEFORE YOU TALK ABOUT AN ORDINANCE.  
14 I HELD ITEM 16, THE EDWARD BERNE GRANT. THE CITY'S  
15 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES ARE 5 PERCENT FOR THIS GRANT. THE COUNTY'S  
16 ADMINISTRATIVE FEES ARE 10 PERCENT. SO MAYBE YOU OUGHT TO HAVE  
17 THE CITY DO MORE ADMINISTRATING AND SAVE THAT 5 PERCENT TO USE  
18 ACTUALLY ON THE PROGRAMS. I HELD ITEM C.S.-1. DID YOU HAPPEN  
19 TO SEE ANY? I DIDN'T SEE YOUR PICTURE IN THE NEWSPAPER ABOUT  
20 THE PROTESTORS YESTERDAY AT ALISO CANYON. THEY NEVER SHOWED UP  
21 AT EXIDE AND ANY OF THE OTHER PLACES THAT HAVE HAD THESE  
22 ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS. HAVE YOU OPENED UP A LINE FOR PEOPLE  
23 TO GET IN TOUCH WHO HAVE LOST PROPERTY VALUE TO THE PLANNING  
24 AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES SO THEY  
25 COULD CONTACT THEM AND GET THE MINUTES FOR THE DEVELOPMENTS



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1 THAT THE CITY APPROVED KNOWING THAT 80 MILLION CUBIC FOOD  
2 STORAGE FACILITY WAS THERE. AND BY THE WAY, A.Q.M.D., THEY  
3 MENTIONED BILL BURKE, THE BOARD YOU SIT ON, THEY MENTIONED  
4 WILLIAM BURKE. SO I'M WONDERING IF HE'S ANY RELATIONSHIP TO  
5 MR. BRAITHWAITE, YOU KNOW, YVONNE BRAITHWAITE BURKE? IS THAT  
6 HER HUSBAND THAT NOW SITS ON A.Q.M.D.? BUT IN HONOR OF YOUR  
7 TEAM, EXIDE, WITH ALL THIS WORK YOU'RE GOING TO DO LATER ON  
8 TODAY, I THOUGHT YOU SHOULD BE HONORED AS A TEAM ALSO. I WAS  
9 THINKING LIKE TEAM EX-LAX BECAUSE YOU'RE SO FULL OF CRAP WITH  
10 THIS HOMELESS ISSUE AND THE FUNDING THAT'S GOING TO COME UP.  
11 AND SUPERVISOR KNABE, I'M A LITTLE UPSET WITH YOUR ARMED  
12 FORCES PRESENTATION. A FEW DAYS AGO THERE WAS A STORY ABOUT  
13 THE V.A., A DOG PARK, ONE CALL WAS REOPENED--

14

15 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, YOU'RE OFF TOPIC. YOU'RE OFF  
16 TOPIC, SIR. P.-1 HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT, ALL RIGHT.

17

18 **ARNOLD SACHS:** SHUSH.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MEMBERS, THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE US.

21

22 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS  
23 ARE BEFORE YOU. ITEM 1-P, 2, 9, 10, 12, 16, 20, 22, 26, 31,  
24 38, 41, 44, AND 46.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THOSE ITEMS ARE MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
2   KNABE. SECONDED BY MYSELF. AND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SUCH WILL BE  
3   THE ORDER. MEMBERS, THE SPECIAL HOUR HAS COME BEFORE US. AT  
4   THIS TIME WE ARE BRINGING UP ITEMS P-1, ITEMS 1 AND ITEMS 5.  
5   AND I WILL START WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, COMMENTS BY  
6   THE BOARD MEMBERS, THEN WE WILL GO INTO PANEL, INDIVIDUALS  
7   WILL MAKE A SPECIAL PRESENTATION. AND THEN THE PUBLIC. SO WITH  
8   THAT, LET'S PROCEED. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE THE  
9   FLOOR.

10

11   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR,  
12   AND TO MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'M PLEASED THAT WE ARE HERE TO  
13   TAKE UP ITEMS NO. 1 AND 5, GENERICALLY REFERRED TO AS P-1. IN  
14   SERVICE OF A STATED GOAL, OBJECTIVE, PRIORITY FOR THIS BOARD.  
15   ONE OF FOUR STATED PRIORITIES, HOMELESSNESS, IN OUR RENEWED  
16   EFFORT TO MAKE GOOD ON THAT ISSUE. MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I  
17   WISH TO SAY THAT ITEMS 1 AND 5 ARE BEFORE US. I'M PLEASED TO  
18   SUPPORT BOTH AND APPEAL TO YOU TO DO LIKEWISE. IT IS MY  
19   UNDERSTANDING THAT ITEM 1 IS ESSENTIALLY A REAFFIRMATION OF  
20   THE ACTION THAT WAS TAKEN ON FEBRUARY ON THIS YEAR WHEN WE  
21   ADOPTED OUR HOMELESS PLAN. I WILL ASK STAFF TO UNDERScore THAT  
22   IT IS CONSISTENT WITH SUCH. ITEM 5 IS ESSENTIALLY AN EFFORT TO  
23   TAKE THE WORK THAT WE ADOPTED IN FEBRUARY AND THE FOLLOW UP  
24   WORK TO SAY THE FOLLOWING: WE NEED ONGOING REVENUES IN ORDER  
25   TO HAVE A CREDIBLE FIGHT AGAINST HOMELESSNESS. WE HAVE LEARNED



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1 AGAIN AND AGAIN THAT THE PROBLEM IS NOT LESSENING, IT IS  
2 DEEPENING. THE RECENT DATA FROM L.A.H.S.A. HAS MADE THAT VERY,  
3 VERY CLEAR MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS, I THINK IT'S REALLY  
4 IMPORTANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE HERE TO MAKE A  
5 STATEMENT, TO MAKE A STAND, TO ASSERT THAT HOMELESSNESS IN THE  
6 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS NOT ACCEPTABLE IN ITS CURRENT STATE  
7 AND WE HAVE A MORAL OBLIGATION TO DO WHAT WE CAN AND MUST DO  
8 TO FIGHT THE INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS AND MAKE SURE THAT  
9 PEOPLE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM A RANGE OF MALADIES ARE RESTORED  
10 TO HEALTH, DIGNITY AND PURPOSE AS CONSTRUCTIVE AND  
11 CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND AS RESPECTED  
12 MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES. OUR ROLE, OUR JOB IS TO EXERCISE  
13 LEADERSHIP. IT IS A CRISIS. NO ONE CAN DENY THAT. IT IS THE  
14 MOST COMPELLING ISSUE CONFRONTING US AT THIS TIME. AND I'M  
15 PLEASED THAT THE BOARD HAS MADE THAT CLEAR OVER THE PAST YEAR  
16 AT LEAST AND NOW IT'S TIME FOR US TO SEEK EVERY CONCEIVABLE  
17 WAY POSSIBLE TO FUND THE IDEAS, THE POLICIES, THE PLANS; THAT  
18 IS WITH RESPECT TO RENT SUBSIDIES, RAPID REHOUSING, AFFORDABLE  
19 HOUSING FOR THE HOMELESS, THE WHOLE RANGE OF SERVICES THAT ARE  
20 NEEDED FOR THOSE WHO ARE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL ILLNESS. THAT'S  
21 OUR JOB. THAT'S OUR ROLE. THAT'S OUR OPPORTUNITY. IT IS NOT AS  
22 THOUGH IT'S WITHOUT CHALLENGE. BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS:  
23 ALL OF US HERE KNOW THAT WE CAN AND SHOULD ENGAGE IN A  
24 SIGNIFICANT WAY. AND SO IT IS MY HOPE THAT THROUGH THE OFFICE  
25 OF THE C.E.O., THE OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL, THROUGH THE





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1 INDIVIDUALS WHO WE TASKED WITH POLLING THIS ISSUE TO GIVE US  
2 INFORMATION, MADAME CHAIR, THAT THEY WILL BE AFFORDED AN  
3 OPPORTUNITY TO CLARIFY THOSE ISSUES AND THAT IF NOW IS THE  
4 TIME TO DO SO, I'D CALL ON THEM TO DO PRECISELY THAT.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LET'S HAVE-- I THINK  
7 SUPERVISOR KUEHL WANTED TO SPEAK ALSO. SO SUPERVISOR KUEHL,  
8 YOU'RE RECOGNIZED AT THIS TIME.

9

10 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, I'M HAPPY TO JOIN  
11 IN THE MOTION PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND I  
12 GUESS I CAN ALSO REVEAL THE GRAND SURPRISE THAT I SUPPORT YOUR  
13 MOTION.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU SO MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT I THINK A FEW THINGS THAT I'D LIKE TO  
18 ADD. (OFF MIC). SORRY. MAYBE TURN MY MIC. ON. I WANTED TO ADD  
19 A FEW THINGS TO WHAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID. THE COUNTY  
20 HAS ALREADY STEPPED UP IN A VERY BIG WAY ABOUT HOMELESSNESS.  
21 AND I'M VERY PROUD THAT WE'VE MADE THIS KIND OF A START. IN  
22 OUR BUDGET THAT WE'RE STILL IN THIS YEAR, '15/'16 BUDGET. IN  
23 NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET WHICH WE'VE ALREADY SEEN COMING. BUT WE  
24 ALREADY KNOW THAT GIVEN THE MAGNITUDE OF THE HOMELESS  
25 POPULATION IN L.A. COUNTY, IT'S STILL INSUFFICIENT. WE'VE HAD



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1 THE GOOD NEWS. AND I WILL OFFER AN AMENDMENT IN A MINUTE THAT  
2 I HOPE WILL BE A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO OUR MOTION. WE'VE HAD  
3 THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A BOND, BASED ON THE  
4 INCOME COMING IN EVERY DAY FROM PROP 63. BUT WE ALSO KNOW THAT  
5 THAT MONEY, SHOULD WE BE GOOD AT GETTING ANY KIND OF PORTION  
6 OF IT AFTER IT MAYBE GOES THROUGH, CAN ONLY BE USED FOR  
7 CONSTRUCTION. AND CONSTRUCTION IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF  
8 TREATING HOMELESSNESS. HOMELESSNESS IS CURED BY HOMES. BUT  
9 THERE'S A LOT MORE THAT WE NEED TO DO AND WE NEED TO DO IT  
10 NOW. WE HAVE SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY. THE POLLING THAT WE'VE DONE,  
11 THE VERY GOOD, DETAILED HOMELESSNESS PLAN PRESENTED BY PHIL  
12 ANSELL AND HIS TEAM. THE INITIATIVE IS A REALLY GOOD FIRST  
13 STEP AS A ROAD MAP ON WHAT TO DO. BUT WE NOW HAVE A REALLY  
14 HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY. SO I'M HAPPY TO JOIN IN THIS MOTION, TO  
15 ASK OUR TEAM IN SACRAMENTO TO SEE IF THEY CAN SEEK A CHANGE IN  
16 STATE LAW SO THAT WE MIGHT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COME BACK  
17 TO THE BOARD AND TALK ABOUT ONE WAY IN WHICH WE MIGHT FUND  
18 THIS. SO I OFFER THE FOLLOWING FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO OUR  
19 MOTION. IT WILL READ: "WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS DIRECT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE  
21 COUNTY'S SACRAMENTO LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES TO SEEK A  
22 CHANGE IN STATE LAW TO GRANT COUNTIES THE AUTHORITY TO SEEK  
23 VOTER APPROVAL OF A TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME ABOVE 1 MILLION A  
24 YEAR TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS AND TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT, IF  
25 ANY, OF THE PROPOSED COUNTY TAX ON THE BOND ISSUANCE CONCEPT



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1 PROPOSED BY THE SENATE AND ENDORSED BY THE GOVERNOR AND TO  
2 REPORT BACK IN 14 DAYS AT OUR BOARD MEETING ON MAY 31ST." I  
3 OFFER THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I ACCEPT THAT AS A  
6 FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND WILL HELP US MOVE FORWARD AND BUILD THE  
7 CONSENSUS THAT IS GOING TO BE MOST ASSUREDLY NECESSARY IN  
8 ORDER TO GET THIS DONE. I THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT I WANT  
11 TO THANK BOTH THE AUTHOR OF THE MOTION AND THE AMENDMENT FOR  
12 WORKING WITH US, WITH OUR STAFFS, WITH OUR COMMUNITY ON THIS  
13 VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE. SO MUCH HAS HAPPENED LAST WEEK WITH  
14 RESPECT TO THE MAY REVISE AND WHAT THE GOVERNOR ALLUDED TO,  
15 THAT IN FACT OUR BUDGET FOR CALIFORNIA IS SLOW IN TERMS OF  
16 REVENUE THAT'S COMING IN. SO HE'S TAKING A VERY CAUTIOUS  
17 APPROACH, AND I BELIEVE ALL OF US SHOULD, AS WELL. AND I THINK  
18 THIS IS A GOOD WAY OF PUTTING OUT OUR INTENT, UNDERSCORE SEEK,  
19 SUPPORT FROM SACRAMENTO. AND I THINK THAT THAT'S A GOOD, GOOD  
20 WAY TO GO. SO I REALLY WANT TO THANK BOTH THE AUTHOR OF THE  
21 AMENDMENT. THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH OUR STAFF. AND THANK  
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THIS HAS BEEN  
23 SOMETHING THAT HE HAS BEEN ON FOR AT LEAST THE TIME THAT I'VE  
24 BEEN ON THIS BOARD. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DO WE HAVE ANY  
25 OTHER MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?



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1  
2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE ISSUE OF THE HOMELESS, AS I RECITED LAST  
3 WEEK AND WILL COMMENT AGAIN THIS WEEK IS A VERY COMPLEX ISSUE.  
4 IT IS NOT A SIMPLE RESOLUTION THAT WE WILL PROVIDE A HOUSE,  
5 THEREFORE, THERE WILL NO LONGER BEING HOMELESS ON OUR STREETS.  
6 THOSE THAT ARE HOMELESS FALL INTO A DIFFERENT CATEGORY. YOU  
7 HAVE THOSE WHO ARE ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED AND NEED ASSISTANCE.  
8 BUT THE MAJORITY AND MORE OF THEM ARE THOSE WHO ARE MENTALLY  
9 ILL AND NEED TO HAVE MANDATED MENTAL HEALTH THERAPY. OTHERS  
10 ARE ADDICTED TO ALCOHOL OR DRUG ABUSERS. THEY NEED MANDATED  
11 REHABILITATION PROGRAMS TO GET THEM OFF THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE,  
12 THE ALCOHOL ABUSE AND GET BACK ON THEIR FEET TO BE PRODUCTIVE  
13 CITIZENS. UNTIL THE STATE CHANGES THE LAWS THAT WILL REQUIRE  
14 THAT THEY RECEIVE MORE THAN MENTALLY ILL, 72-HOUR MANDATED  
15 CARE, YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO HAVE THIS CIRCUS TAKING  
16 PLACE. THAT IS A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE. WE HAVE A PROGRAM THAT I  
17 INITIATED AT THE M.T.A., WHERE THE RAIL OPERATORS AND THE BUS  
18 OPERATORS REPORT THE HOMELESS THAT YOU SEE ON THE BUS BENCHES  
19 AND THE RAIL STATIONS EVERY DAY. OVER 99 PERCENT REFUSE  
20 TREATMENT AND WALK AWAY. I HAVE CALLED IN ON THE HOMELESS THAT  
21 I SEE DRIVING TO AND FROM WORK. AND REGARDLESS OF THE WEATHER,  
22 REGARDLESS HOW HOT IT IS OR HOW COLD, OR EL NIÑO, IT'S  
23 RAINING, THEY REFUSE SHELTER. THERE IS SHELTER AVAILABLE FOR  
24 THESE INDIVIDUALS, BUT THEY REFUSE IT. THEY ARE MENTALLY ILL.  
25 THEY NEED ASSISTANCE. THEY NEED MEDICAL HELP. AND AGAIN HAVING



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1 JUST ANOTHER REVENUE SOURCE TO BUILD A HOUSE IS NOT ADDRESSING  
2 THE ROOT CAUSE OF THE PROBLEM FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE  
3 MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY ILL. THEY NEED MEDICAL TREATMENT. THOSE  
4 WHO ARE ECONOMICALLY DEPRIVED, WE NEED HOUSING FOR THEM, OF  
5 COURSE, AND WE NEED JOB TRAINING AND WE HAVE PROGRAMS THAT  
6 HELP PROVIDE THAT. BUT ONE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT CALIFORNIA HAS  
7 BEEN EXPERIENCING IS AN EXODUS OF JOBS. WE'RE SEEING THAT  
8 OTHER STATES ARE RECEIVING BUSINESSES THAT ONCE WERE IN LOS  
9 ANGELES COUNTY, ONCE WERE IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ARE NOW  
10 GOING FROM NEVADA TO NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, TEXAS,  
11 OHIO, ALABAMA, MISSISSIPPI. JOBS ARE LEAVING THE STATE OF  
12 CALIFORNIA BECAUSE OF THE HIGH COST. WE HAVE ONE OF THE  
13 HIGHEST TAXES IN THE NATION AND MAKING THE TAX HIGHER IS  
14 TAKING THOSE DOLLARS FROM JOB CREATORS OUT OF CALIFORNIA AND  
15 THEY'RE MOVING TO OTHER LOCATIONS. SO WHAT YOU NEED TO HAVE IS  
16 A REDUCTION IN TAXATION TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES. WE ARE NOW  
17 FINDING THAT THE \$15 MINIMUM WAGE HAS CREATED EXODUS OF JOBS.  
18 AS I SAID LAST WEEK, JAMBA JUICE IS MOVING THEIR OPERATION OUT  
19 OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. JUST AS THE AUTO CLUB MOVED THEIR  
20 TELEPHONE CALL OPERATIONS FROM LOS ANGELES COUNTY SO WHEN YOU  
21 CALL, YOU'RE TALKING TO SOMEBODY IN TEXAS. AND THESE ARE  
22 SERIOUS ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. BUT THIS IS MORE  
23 WINDOW DRESSING. LET'S SAY IT'S MORE LIKE COTTON CANDY. A LOT  
24 OF FLUFF BUT NO SUBSTANCE. AND AGAIN IT'S A VERY SERIOUS ISSUE  
25 AND IT TAKES THE SUPPORT AT THE STATE LEVEL AND OUR LOCALS



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1 WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS TO  
2 ADDRESS THIS ISSUE BY GETTING REQUIRED, MANDATED TREATMENT  
3 BEYOND THE 72 HOURS WHICH CURRENTLY THE STATE ONLY PERMITS. I  
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE, NO STATEMENT AT  
7 THIS TIME. MEMBERS, I JUST WANT TO GO BACK TO THE ITEM THAT I  
8 HAD PRESENTED. AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO SAY IS THAT WE ALL SHARE A  
9 COMMON GOAL HERE. WE KNOW THAT WE NEED TO FIND SUSTAINABLE  
10 FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE COUNTY'S EFFORT ON ADDRESSING THE  
11 HOMELESS CRISIS. AS WE LEARNED BY THE NUMBERS RELEASED BY  
12 L.A.H.S.A. LAST WEEK, HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
13 ANGELES HAS INCREASED OVER 5 PERCENT. IT IS CLEAR TO ME THAT  
14 OUR CURRENT APPROACH TO FUNDING SERVICES NEEDS TO BE EXAMINED.  
15 THE SAME DAY THAT THIS BOARD APPROVED THE 47 STRATEGIES TO  
16 COMBAT HOMELESSNESS, A REPORT FROM THE C.E.O. INDICATED THAT  
17 THE COUNTY SPENT AN ESTIMATED \$965 MILLION, ALMOST \$1 BILLION  
18 ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES FOR HOMELESS, SINGLE ADULTS IN  
19 FISCAL YEAR 2014 AND 2015. THIS CALCULATION IS JUST FOR SINGLE  
20 ADULTS, NOT YOUTH OR FAMILIES. THIS WILL ALSO BE A TIME FOR US  
21 TO REFLECT AT THE PROCESS, AND MAKE IMPROVEMENTS, LOOKING AT  
22 MORE EFFECTIVE WAYS TO GET MORE ACCURATE WAYS TO GET HOMELESS  
23 COUNTS IN OUR VARIOUS CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS AS WELL  
24 AS SPECIFIC BREAKDOWNS BY GENDER, AGE AND FAMILIES AND ISSUE  
25 AREAS SO WE CAN GET CLEARER UNDERSTANDING AND A PICTURE OF





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1 WHERE RESOURCES ARE REALLY NEEDED. IF WE'RE ALREADY SPENDING A  
2 BILLION DOLLARS, A BILLION DOLLARS, ON CURRENT PROGRAMS FOR A  
3 SUBSET OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION, THIS TELLS ME THAT WE NEED  
4 TO STEP BACK AND TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE WAY WE'RE CURRENTLY  
5 ADDRESSING THE PROBLEM. I WOULD LIKE TO DIRECT YOUR ATTENTION  
6 TO THE INFOGRAPHIC ON THE SCREEN BEHIND ME. AND I WOULD LIKE  
7 TO ASK HENNA ZAIDI OF C.O.P.E. HEALTH SOLUTIONS TO COME UP. ON  
8 THE LEFT SIDE IS AN IMAGE OF OUR CURRENT SPENDING FOR 5  
9 PERCENT OF THE SINGLE HOMELESS ADULT POPULATION. AT THE  
10 CURRENT TIME, THE MAJORITY OF FUNDS ARE BEING SPENT ON DIRECT  
11 SERVICES. THAT ARE VERY COSTLY AND WE KNOW THAT THEY'RE  
12 NEEDED. INPATIENT AND OUTPATIENT CARE, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES  
13 AND CRISIS STABILIZATION, SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES, ARRESTS,  
14 BOOKING, INCARCERATION. AND WE DIDN'T EVEN ACCOUNT FOR COURT  
15 COSTS. I'D LIKE TO ASK HENNA, WHO'S AN EXPERT IN THIS AREA, IF  
16 SHE CAN SHARE JUST A FEW THOUGHTS ON THE CURRENT SPENDING  
17 PATTERN.

18

19 **HENNA ZAIDI:** DEFINITELY. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. AND THANK  
20 YOU, BOARD, FOR GIVING US THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TODAY. MY  
21 NAME IS HANNA ZAIDI. I'M A SENIOR CONSULTANT WITH C.O.P.E.  
22 HEALTH SOLUTIONS. WE ARE A NATIONAL FIRM THAT PROVIDES  
23 BUSINESS SOLUTIONS, CLINICAL INTEGRATION AND POPULATION HEALTH  
24 MANAGEMENT SOLUTIONS TO HEALTHCARE ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE  
25 NATION. WE, BASED ON OUR PAST EXPERIENCE AS A COMMUNITY



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1 OUTREACH ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDED HEALTH EDUCATION TO  
2 HOMELESS AND UNDERPRIVILEGED POPULATIONS, COMBINED WITH OUR  
3 CURRENT EXPERIENCE NATIONALLY WORKING WITH HEALTH SYSTEMS AND  
4 COUNTIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES, WE ARE COMPLETELY  
5 SUPPORTIVE OF THIS MOTION, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. WE FEEL THAT IT  
6 IS PRUDENT TO LOOK AT EXISTING SPENDING METHODS, UNDERSTAND  
7 WHERE EXISTING DOLLARS ARE GOING, AND TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND  
8 IDENTIFY SOLUTIONS THAT TARGET THE HIGHEST UTILIZERS AND THE  
9 HIGHEST COST POPULATIONS. THIS INFOGRAPHIC DEPICTS THAT  
10 CONVERSATION. SO AT THE TOP LEFT, YOU SEE THAT, YOU KNOW, 5  
11 PERCENT OF SINGLE HOMELESS ADULTS ACCOUNT FOR 40 PERCENT OF  
12 TOTAL SPENDING. THIS IS ALIGNED WITH TRENDS THAT WE SEE ACROSS  
13 THE NATION WHERE YOU SEE HIGH UTILIZERS BEING A SMALL SEGMENT  
14 OF THE POPULATION BUT TAKING ACCOUNT FOR A MAJORITY OF  
15 SPENDING. SO THAT IS TODAY. AND WE BELIEVE THAT WITH  
16 TRANSFORMATIVE POLICIES SUCH AS OUTLINED IN THE CENTER OF THE  
17 INFOGRAPHIC, WE CAN HAVE A BETTER TOMORROW WHERE THERE IS MORE  
18 ACCESS TO SERVICES, TO CASE MANAGEMENT. THERE IS MORE ACCESS  
19 TO EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING, TO HELP INCREASE INCOME. AND MORE  
20 TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT. AND THAT IS WHAT THIS INFOGRAPHIC  
21 DEPICTS. WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT BY IMPLEMENTING SUCH PROGRAMS,  
22 YOU WILL BEND THE COST CURVE. SO AS YOU CAN SEE AT THE BOTTOM,  
23 THE LIGHT BLUE LINE DEPICTS OUR CURRENT COST CURVE.  
24 INCREMENTAL SAVINGS WITH INCREMENTAL COSTS. HOWEVER, WE  
25 BELIEVE THAT BY MAKING MORE INVESTMENT IN PROGRAMS, YOU CAN



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1 BEND THAT COST CURVE, TAILOR THOSE PROGRAMS TO IMPACT THE  
2 HIGHEST UTILIZERS IN ORDER TO SEE GREATER SAVINGS OVER TIME.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FOR THE FOLKS IN THE  
5 AUDIENCE, I THINK THAT ALL OF YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT WE ARE ALL  
6 ON THE BOARD GREATLY CONCERNED ABOUT OUR RISING COSTS IN THIS  
7 AREA AND HOW WE CAN BEND THAT CURVE. SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
8 PRESENTATION. AND JUST TO SHED LIGHT THAT WHAT WE ARE LOOKING  
9 AT HERE ARE OTHER METHODS OF RECOVERY AND SUPPORT THAT REALLY  
10 LOOKS AT A MODEL THAT'S GOING TO HELP EXTEND SERVICES OUTSIDE  
11 THAT WILL BE LESS COSTLY BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT THE COSTS FOR  
12 TRAUMA CARE, HOSPITALIZATION IS UPWARDS OF THOUSANDS OF  
13 DOLLARS. AND IT'S A REVOLVING DOOR. AND WE NEED TO LOOK AT  
14 THAT IN A MANAGED CARE FASHION TO BE ABLE TO BRING DOWN THOSE  
15 COSTS. I THINK IN THE END, THE COUNTY WILL BE ABLE TO SEE  
16 THOSE RETURNS AND PUT THAT MONEY BACK INTO SERVICES THAT ARE  
17 SORELY NEEDED FOR FAMILIES, HOMELESS FAMILIES AND FOR OTHER  
18 TOP PRIORITIES THAT THIS BOARD HAS ADDRESSED. SO I WOULD JUST  
19 LIKE TO SAY THAT ON THIS ISSUE, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO MAKE A  
20 DIRECTIVE TO MY MOTION. AND I WOULD DIRECT THAT THE C.E.O. TO  
21 COMPLETE THE RESEARCH IT WAS INSTRUCTED TO DO ON FEBRUARY 23RD  
22 OF 2016 OF THIS YEAR, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ANNUAL  
23 REVENUE PROJECTIONS FOR ALL VIABLE OPTIONS, EXPLAINING THE  
24 METHODOLOGY USED FOR EACH, AND RESEARCHING REVENUE, INCREASING  
25 OPTIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL TAXES. AND TO PRESENT A



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1 FINAL REPORT BACK IN 14 DAYS AT THE BOARD MEETING OF MAY 31ST,  
2 2016. THOSE-- THAT AMENDMENT IS BEING PASSED OUT NOW. AND I  
3 BELIEVE SUPERVISOR KNABE, WHO HAS HELPED ME ON THIS MEASURE,  
4 IF HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS TO MODIFYING THIS PROPOSAL  
5 AND I THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND OTHERS FOR WORKING WITH US ON  
6 THIS MEASURE. IT'S REALLY JUST MORE FOCUSING DOWN, NARROWING  
7 THE SCOPE AND HOPEFULLY BEING ABLE TO GET THE APPROPRIATE  
8 REVENUE BACK WHERE IT SHOULD BE GOING. WITH THAT, I ALSO JUST  
9 WANT TO SAY, I AM PLEASED WITH WHAT IS HAPPENING IN TERMS OF  
10 SACRAMENTO, THE GOVERNOR, MOVING FORWARD AND OUTLINING HIS  
11 PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE A BOND FOR \$2 BILLION TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE  
12 OF HOMELESSNESS. WE THINK THAT'S A GOOD START. WE KNOW THAT  
13 MEANS A LOT WHEN THE GOVERNOR SPEAKS AND COMES OUT IN SUPPORT.  
14 WE HOPE THAT HE WILL ALSO SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS, AS WELL.  
15 THEREFORE I AM ALSO PLEASED TO SAY THAT I AM ALSO SUPPORTING  
16 THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SHEILA KUEHL HAVE  
17 PRESENTED THIS MORNING. I THINK THAT WE ARE OFF TO A GOOD  
18 START AND A GOOD DIRECTION, AND I THANK THEM FOR THAT.  
19 [APPLAUSE.] WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I THINK THE OVERVIEW  
22 THAT IS NECESSARY FOR US TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE'VE GOTTEN HERE  
23 AND WHERE WE ARE HEADED FROM THIS POINT IS USEFUL. THEREFORE,  
24 IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EACH OF US HAS SOME APPRECIATION FOR WHAT  
25 THE NEXT STEPS WILL BE. IN THE INTEREST OF FULL TRANSPARENCY



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1 ON WHAT THE BOARD'S DELIBERATIONS ARE AND WHAT YOUR INPUT CAN  
2 BE, IT SEEMS TO ME YOU OUGHT TO KNOW WHAT IT IS WE'RE DOING  
3 AND HOW WE PLAN TO PROCEED. THE STRENGTH OF THE MOTION THAT  
4 WAS BROUGHT FORWARD FOR CONSIDERATION LAST WEEK AND IS NOW  
5 BEING CONSIDERED THIS WEEK IS PRECISELY TO MAXIMIZE OUR  
6 OPTIONS. IN OTHER WORDS, WE DON'T WANT ONE TOOL IN OUR  
7 TOOLBOX. WE HAVE TO BE VERY, VERY CLEAR. TO ACCOMPLISH WHAT WE  
8 WISH TO ACCOMPLISH IS GOING TO TAKE HEAVY, HEAVY LIFTING. I'M  
9 ASKING FOR A POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE AT THIS POINT AND I  
10 WANT EVERYBODY TO REPEAT AFTER ME, HEAVY LIFTING. THAT'S WHAT  
11 WE'RE INTO. AND SO TO THE EXTENT THAT THAT IS THE CASE, I  
12 WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL AND I THINK IT  
13 WAS IMPORTANT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO HAVE THE BENEFIT  
14 OF THE METHODOLOGY AND THE CONTENT OF THE POLLING INFORMATION  
15 SO THAT WE ALL ARE ON THE SAME PAGE WITH THE SAME INFORMATION  
16 AS WE MOVE FORWARD. SO, MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD ASK THAT THE  
17 C.E.O., COUNTY COUNSEL SHARE WITH US THEIR PRESENTATIONS. AND  
18 IF IT'S HELPFUL, WE CAN PROCEED FIRST WITH THE PRESENTATION OF  
19 OUR POLLSTER. AND MADAME C.E.O., PERHAPS YOU SHOULD INTRODUCE  
20 THE POLLSTER AND PROCEED FROM THERE.

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22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SACHI HAMAI, DO YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE  
23 THE PANEL?

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SURE. SO SITTING ACROSS FROM ME IS DAVID  
2   BINDER.

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4   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IS YOUR MIC. ON?

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6   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THE MIC. IS ON. CAN YOU HEAR ME?

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8   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S HARD TO HEAR YOU.

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10   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? [LAUGHTER.] CAN YOU  
11   HEAR ME NOW?

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13   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** BETTER.

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15   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SITTING ACROSS FROM ME, DIRECTLY ACROSS  
16   FROM ME IS MR. DAVID BINDER OF THE DAVID BINDER RESEARCH  
17   COMPANY AND HIS PARTNER SHAKARI BYERLY, WHO WILL BE-- WHO DID  
18   THE POLLING RESEARCH FOR US ON THE HOMELESSNESS ISSUE. AND  
19   THEY HAVE A SHORT PRESENTATION FOR THE BOARD.

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21   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, MR. BINDER. I THINK YOUR  
22   MIC.'S ON.

23

24   **DAVID BINDER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR--

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1   **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** MR. BINDER, I'M SORRY. IF WE COULD HAVE  
2   OUR I.T., IT'S NUMBER 3. THEY'RE GOING FIRST.

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4   **DAVID BINDER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF  
5   THE BOARD, DAVID BINDER FROM DAVID BINDER RESEARCH. IT'S A  
6   PLEASURE TO BE HERE IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY AND I HAVE A FEW  
7   SLIDES TO SHOW YOU TO DESCRIBE THE RECENT SURVEY THAT WE DID  
8   WITH LOS ANGELES COUNTY VOTERS. WE WILL GO OVER IT RELATIVELY  
9   QUICKLY. I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE AND TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT IT  
10   IS WE DID. THIS WAS A STANDARD VOTER SURVEY OF LOS ANGELES  
11   COUNTY VOTERS THAT WAS CONDUCTED BETWEEN MARCH 29TH AND APRIL  
12   7TH FOLLOWING THE STANDARD SURVEY PROCEDURES IN WHICH WE DO  
13   RANDOM SAMPLING OF VOTERS IN THIS CASE THAT WERE LIKELY  
14   PARTICIPATE IN THE NOVEMBER 2016 ELECTION. THIS WAS A SURVEY  
15   THAT WAS CONDUCTED BOTH BY LAND LINE AND CELL PHONES WHICH IS  
16   TRADITIONAL NOW WHEN WE SURVEY VOTERS THESE DAYS. AND THE  
17   SAMPLE WAS CONSTRUCTED TO BE REFLECTIVE OF THE COUNTY AS A  
18   WHOLE, WITH PROPORTIONATE REPRESENTATION OF ALL DEMOGRAPHIC  
19   GROUPS AND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, DEMOGRAPHICALLY AND  
20   GEOGRAPHICALLY. WE DID CONDUCT THE SURVEY BOTH IN ENGLISH AND  
21   SPANISH. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 1,400 VOTERS THAT WE SPOKE TO,  
22   A VERY ROBUST SAMPLE SIZE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND THE  
23   MARGIN OF ERROR IS 2.6 PERCENT. THE GOALS FOR THIS SURVEY WERE  
24   TO DETERMINE, FIRST OF ALL, PUBLIC ATTITUDES TOWARDS  
25   HOMELESSNESS, MEASURING THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE PROBLEM IN THE



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1 MINDS OF THE VOTERS OF THE COUNTY. WE ALSO WANTED TO TEST THE  
2 POTENTIAL REVENUE MEASURES, A FEW DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR  
3 GENERATING REVENUE THAT WOULD PROVIDE FUNDING FOR HOMELESS  
4 SERVICES. WE ALSO LOOKED AT A COUPLE OF OTHER ISSUES, AS WELL,  
5 INCLUDING EXAMINATION OF DIFFERENT ELECTIONS, THAT SAID  
6 INITIATIVE MIGHT BE ON THE BALLOT TO DETERMINE WHAT WOULD THE  
7 DIFFERENCES BE, SAY, GOING IN NOVEMBER OF 2016 VERSUS SOMETIME  
8 IN 2017. AND THEN, FINALLY, WE LOOKED AT THE INTERACTION OF A  
9 POTENTIAL REVENUE GENERATING MEASURE FOR HOMELESS SERVICES  
10 COMPARED TO OTHER REVENUE GENERATING MEASURES THAT MAY BE ON  
11 THE BALLOT AT THE SAME TIME AND WANTED TO EXAMINE THAT  
12 INTERACTION. FOUR POTENTIAL MEASURES THAT WE LOOKED AT HERE,  
13 ONE OF WHICH WAS SPLIT SAMPLE, WHICH MEANS THAT HALF THE  
14 SAMPLE GOT ONE VERSION AND HALF GOT THE OTHER VERSION. THAT  
15 WAS DONE ON THE HOMELESS SERVICES MEASURE IN WHICH HALF HEARD  
16 ABOUT A POTENTIAL TAX ON INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS OF \$1 MILLION  
17 INCOME OR MORE WHILE THE OTHER HALF HEARD ABOUT A HALF CENT  
18 SALES TAX. BOTH OF THOSE WERE MECHANISMS THAT WERE BEING--  
19 VOTERS WERE ASKED TO EVALUATE WITH REGARD TO PROVIDING  
20 SERVICES AND FUNDING FOR HOMELESS SERVICES. THERE WERE ALSO  
21 THREE OTHER INITIATIVES THAT WE TESTED AT THE SAME TIME IN OUR  
22 EFFORT TO LOOK AT THE INTERACTION. ONE OF THEM WAS EXTENSION  
23 OF PROPOSITION 30 WHICH IS BEING CONSIDERED AT THE STATEWIDE  
24 LEVEL, AS YOU ALL KNOW, WHICH WOULD ALSO CONTINUE A PERSONAL  
25 INCOME TAX ON UPPER INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. THEN, AS WELL, WE



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1 LOOKED AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE MEASURE  
2 AS WELL AS THE TRANSPORTATION MEASURE, WHICH WOULD ALSO BE  
3 FUNDED BY A HALF-CENT SALES TAX. SO HERE IS WHAT WE FOUND,  
4 MEMBERS. WE FOUND THAT A MEASURE ON-- FUNDED BY A TAX ON  
5 PERSONAL INCOMES AT \$1 MILLION OR MORE RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM  
6 76 PERCENT OF THE VOTERS THAT WE TALKED TO THROUGHOUT THE  
7 COUNTY. A VERY ROBUST LEVEL OF SUPPORT FOR THE MILLIONAIRES  
8 TAX. THE HALF-CENT SALES TAX ALSO FARED WELL BUT NOT QUITE AS  
9 WELL AS THE MILLIONAIRES TAX. WE HAD 68 PERCENT SHOWING  
10 SUPPORT FOR THAT. TWO OTHER MECHANISMS WE ALSO LOOKED AT WITH  
11 REGARD TO REVENUE-GENERATING OPTIONS. ONE IS A SALES TAX ON  
12 MARIJUANA, A 15 PERCENT ADDED SALES TAX THERE WOULD GATHER  
13 SUPPORT FROM 66 PERCENT. SO FALLING SLIGHTLY OR ALMOST RIGHT  
14 ON THE LINE OF THE TWO-THIRDS THRESHOLD NECESSARY. AND WE ALSO  
15 HAD A PARCEL TAX OF \$49 THAT FARED MUCH WEAKER, ONLY 47  
16 PERCENT OF COUNTY VOTERS SAID THAT THEY WOULD SUPPORT A PARCEL  
17 TAX. WE DID, AS I MENTIONED IN THE GOALS, LOOK AT WHAT MIGHT  
18 OCCUR IF THIS WAS ON A BALLOT IN MARCH OF 2017. WE DID THAT BY  
19 LOOKING AT A LIKELY ELECTORATE THAT DOES COME OUT IN ODD YEARS  
20 AS OPPOSED TO A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION THAT WILL HAPPEN THIS  
21 NOVEMBER. AND WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE SUBSET OF THOSE VOTERS, WE  
22 FOUND ACROSS-THE-BOARD THAT SUPPORT WOULD BE LOWER, NO MATTER  
23 WHICH REVENUE MEASURE THAT WE WERE LOOKING AT. WE ALSO FOUND  
24 NO APPARENT INTERACTIONS FROM THE PRESENCE OF MULTIPLE  
25 MEASURES ON THE BALLOT. WE'RE HAPPY TO TALK ABOUT THE METHODS



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1 WE USED TO DETERMINE THIS. BUT WE LOOKED AT THE INTERPLAY OF  
2 PROP 30 EXTENSION AS WELL AS THE OTHER TWO COUNTY MEASURES.  
3 AND WE FOUND THAT EVEN WHEN TELLING THE VOTERS IN THE COUNTY  
4 THAT ALL OF THESE MEASURES MAY BE ON THE SAME BALLOT THIS  
5 NOVEMBER, WE FOUND THAT THAT DID NOT DILUTE THE SUPPORT. THE  
6 LEVELS OF SUPPORT WERE ROBUST. THEY STAYED CONSISTENT BOTH  
7 BEFORE AND AFTER HEARING ABOUT THE MULTIPLE REVENUE-GENERATING  
8 MEASURES THAT MAY INDEED BE ON THE SAME BALLOT THIS NOVEMBER.  
9 AND YOU CAN SEE THAT WE ALSO PROVIDED RESULTS FOR THOSE OTHER  
10 PROP 30 EXTENSION, SUPPORTED BY 64 PERCENT OF COUNTY VOTERS,  
11 THE PARKS AND OPEN SPACE BY 69 PERCENT, AND THE TRAFFIC  
12 CONGESTION RELIEF MEASURE BY 71 PERCENT. REAL QUICKLY HERE,  
13 THERE ARE A COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS THAT WE LOOKED AT.  
14 WE DID AN OPEN-ENDED QUESTION ON THIS SURVEY, WHICH WE DO  
15 FREQUENTLY WHEN WE TEST VOTER OPINION IN WHICH WE JUST ASK  
16 VOTERS SIMPLY WHAT THEY SAY WOULD BE THE MOST IMPORTANT  
17 PROBLEMS FACING THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE DID NOT PROVIDE  
18 THEM ANY ANSWER CATEGORIES. WE JUST WAITED FOR THEM TO SPEAK  
19 OFF THE TOP OF THEIR HEAD, AND ACCORDING TO THIS SLIDE, YOU  
20 COULD SEE JOBS AND THE ECONOMY WAS OFFERED BY PLURALITY, 32  
21 PERCENT OF PEOPLE WHO SAID THAT'S THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM  
22 FACING LOS ANGELES COUNTY. BUT HOMELESSNESS WAS RIGHT BEHIND  
23 IT, 22 PERCENT, SHOWING US, SHOWING THE POLLSTERS AND THE  
24 ANALYSTS THAT THIS IS INDEED A VERY STRONG ISSUE WITH THE  
25 COUNTY. WHEN YOU GET 22 PERCENT RIGHT OFF THE TOP OF THEIR



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1 HEAD, NOT BEING ASKED TO RESPOND TO IT, JUST THINKING ABOUT  
2 THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES, THAT IS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF  
3 PEOPLE TO VOLUNTEER THAT AS THE MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEM FACING  
4 THE COUNTY. SIMILARLY, WE DID GO AHEAD AND PROBE, ASKING THEM  
5 TO RATE THE SERIOUSNESS OF HOMELESSNESS ON A 4-POINT SCALE,  
6 VERY SERIOUS, SOMEWHAT SERIOUS, NOT THAT SERIOUS OR NOT AT ALL  
7 SERIOUS. AND YOU CAN LOOK AT THE NUMBERS HERE AND SEE A  
8 DRAMATIC 68 PERCENT OF COUNTY VOTERS SAY IT'S VERY SERIOUS.  
9 AND IF YOU ADD THAT WITH THE SOMEWHAT, YOU HAVE 94 PERCENT OF  
10 THE COUNTY THAT SAY THIS IS A SERIOUS PROBLEM. CLEARLY, THESE  
11 ARE LARGE NUMBERS, LOTS OF ATTENTION THAT THE COUNTY VOTERS  
12 FEEL IS NECESSARY TO DEAL WITH THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS AS  
13 THEY FEEL THAT IT IS VERY SERIOUS. OVER TWO-THIRDS SAY VERY  
14 SERIOUS. LOOKING AT THE INDIVIDUAL BALLOT PROPOSITIONS THAT WE  
15 TESTED HERE, JUST TO RECALL AGAIN THE METHODOLOGY, WE DID  
16 SIMULATE AS BEST WE COULD A VOTER EXPERIENCE. WE PROVIDED  
17 LANGUAGE THAT WAS USED IN SIMILAR STYLE AND LENGTH TO THE REAL  
18 MEASURES WHEN VOTERS GO TO THE POLLS AND LOOK AT THEIR BALLOT  
19 PAMPHLET. WE MODELED THAT AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE. AND AS WE  
20 SAID BEFORE, WE DID SPLIT SAMPLE, THE MILLIONAIRES TAX  
21 MECHANISM ALONG WITH THE SALES TAX MECHANISM. THESE QUESTIONS  
22 CAME AFTER THE PROP 30 QUESTION, WHICH BEING A STATEWIDE  
23 MEASURE WOULD APPEAR FIRST IN THE SEQUENCING OF THE BALLOT  
24 PROPOSITION. SO WE MAINTAINED THAT SEQUENCE WHEN WE DID OUR  
25 SURVEY AS WELL. LOOKING AT THE PROP 30 EXTENSION, WE DO SHOW



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1 YOU HERE, THE SUPPORT AT 64 PERCENT WITH 33 PERCENT DEFINITELY  
2 YES AND 17 PERCENT DEFINITELY NO, FOR 27 PERCENT TOTAL NO.  
3 YOU'LL SEE WE DO HAVE RESULTS BROKEN OUT BY EACH OF THE COUNTY  
4 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS AND FIND THAT A MAJORITY SUPPORT A  
5 PROP 30 EXTENSION IN EACH OF THE FIVE DISTRICTS AT A SOMEWHAT  
6 LOWER LEVEL IN SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5 THAN THE OTHERS, BUT  
7 AGAIN A MAJORITY SUPPORTING PROP 30 IN EACH OF THE  
8 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS OF THE COUNTY. ON THE L.A. COUNTY  
9 PARKS AND OPEN SPACE MEASURE, WE FOUND 69 PERCENT SAYING THEY  
10 WOULD VOTE YES AND 24 PERCENT VOTING NO. VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED  
11 FROM A SEPARATE POLL THAT WAS CONDUCTED IN DECEMBER OF LAST  
12 YEAR. INDICATING THAT EVEN THOUGH THESE WERE TWO SEPARATE  
13 INSTRUMENTS, IT GIVES US CONFIDENCE THAT THE SURVEYS WERE  
14 SIMILARLY FINDING THE SAME RESULTS, AND THAT WE ARE SLIGHTLY  
15 OVER THE TWO-THIRDS THRESHOLD ON PARKS AND OPEN SPACE. MOVING  
16 TO R-2, THE L.A. COUNTY TRAFFIC RELIEF MEASURE, AGAIN WE FOUND  
17 RESULTS VERY SIMILAR TO WHAT WAS PROVIDED IN A PREVIOUS POLL  
18 IN DECEMBER OF LAST YEAR, 71 PERCENT SUPPORTING R-2, 25  
19 PERCENT OPPOSING. AND AGAIN YOU COULD SEE SUPPORT PRETTY  
20 STRONG ACROSS EACH OF THE COUNTY'S SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS.  
21 NOW, LOOKING AT THE TWO VERSIONS OF THE TEXT THAT WE USED TO  
22 READ TO VOTERS ON THE TELEPHONE, AGAIN BOTH CELL PHONES AND  
23 LAND LINES, WE READ THEM THE TEXT THAT YOU SEE IN FRONT OF YOU  
24 NOW IN WHICH WE TALKED ABOUT A MEASURE THAT WOULD ADDRESS THE  
25 COUNTY'S HOMELESS CRISIS IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS. AND YOU COULD





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1 SEE THE BOLDED PRINT INDICATING THAT WE MENTIONED THAT THERE  
2 WOULD BE AN INCREASE IN TAX ON INCOME TAX ABOVE 1 MILLION BY  
3 ONE HALF PERCENT. RESULTS WHEN WE READ THIS QUESTION WERE 76  
4 PERCENT SAID YES, 50 PERCENT DEFINITELY. AND THAT'S A VERY  
5 IMPORTANT NUMBER. WE POLLSTERS LOOK AT THAT DEFINITE NUMBER.  
6 WE USUALLY LIKE TO SEE IT BE 40 PERCENT DEFINITE FOR A  
7 PROPOSITION THAT WE HOPE TO PREVAIL. THIS IS AT 50. THAT'S  
8 VERY ENCOURAGING, SHOWING THAT A MAJORITY SAY THEY ARE ALREADY  
9 DEFINITELY YES. 76 PERCENT TOTAL YES AND ONLY 19 PERCENT NO.  
10 AGAIN, WE SHOW YOU THE RESULTS ACROSS SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS  
11 AND SEE WIDESPREAD SUPPORT WITH OVER TWO-THIRDS SUPPORT IN  
12 EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 THROUGH 4 WITH SUPERVISORIAL  
13 DISTRICT 5 FALLING JUST SLIGHTLY UNDER THE TWO-THIRDS  
14 THRESHOLD. THE DIFFERENT VERSION THAT WE PROVIDED AGAIN WAS A  
15 ONE HALF PERCENT SALES TAX. EVERY OTHER WORD WAS THE SAME. THE  
16 ONLY THINGS WE ALTERED HERE FOR THIS HALF OF THE SAMPLE IS  
17 THEY WERE GOING TO HEAR ABOUT A SALES TAX RATHER THAN A TAX ON  
18 MILLIONAIRES. AND THEN THE RESULTS HERE WERE SLIGHTLY LOWER  
19 BUT STILL RIGHT ABOVE THAT TWO-THIRDS THRESHOLD, THE 68  
20 PERCENT SAYING THEY WOULD VOTE YES. 39 PERCENT SAY DEFINITE  
21 YES. THAT DEFINITE YES IS A LITTLE BIT LOWER THAN THE  
22 MILLIONAIRES TAX. BUT AGAIN RIGHT AT THAT. SLIGHTLY ABOVE THAT  
23 TWO-THIRDS THRESHOLD. AND AGAIN EACH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT IS  
24 SUPPORTIVE, ALTHOUGH DISTRICTS 4 AND 5 IN THIS CASE FALL  
25 SLIGHTLY UNDER THAT TWO-THIRDS THRESHOLD NECESSARY.



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1 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2 AND 3 ARE OVER THAT TWO-THIRDS  
2 THRESHOLD. WE MENTIONED THAT WE LOOKED AT A POSSIBILITY OF  
3 WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF THIS WERE ON A MARCH 2017 BALLOT, THE  
4 RESULTS HERE FALL TO 68 PERCENT FOR THE MILLIONAIRES TAX,  
5 DROPPING FROM THAT 76 PERCENT. THAT'S AN 8 PERCENT DECLINE.  
6 THE SALES TAX IS AT 63 PERCENT WHEN WE SIMULATE A LIKELY MARCH  
7 2017 ELECTORATE, WHICH IS NOW UNDER THAT TWO-THIRDS THRESHOLD.  
8 FINALLY, LAST SLIDE, A PARCEL TAX WOULD NOT BE POPULAR. NO  
9 SURPRISE HERE. 47 PERCENT SUPPORT, 43 PERCENT OPPOSE. I'M  
10 SORRY. LAST SLIDE. IT'S THE MARIJUANA SLIDE, 66 PERCENT  
11 SUPPORT AND 29 OPPOSE. THAT'S SLIGHTLY UNDER THE TWO-THIRDS  
12 THRESHOLD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WHY DID YOU LEAVE THE MARIJUANA FOR LAST,  
15 MR. BINDER? [LAUGHTER.]

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OUR COUNTY COUNSEL, MARY WICKHAM?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IF I MAY ASK A QUESTION OF  
20 THE POLLSTER. AND IT'S SIMPLY THIS: ANYTHING SURPRISING ABOUT  
21 THIS DATA? ANYTHING JUMP OUT THAT WAS UNUSUAL TO YOUR WAY OF  
22 ANALYZING THIS, GIVEN YOUR DEEP EXPERIENCE AS A POLLSTER?

23

24 **DAVID BINDER:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THROUGH THE CHAIR, THE  
25 DATA WAS VERY SOLID WITH SUPPORT FOR HOMELESSNESS MEASURES. I



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1 WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE DEGREE OF SUPPORT, THE DEGREE TO WHICH  
2 THE COUNTY VIEWS THIS AS A SERIOUS MEASURE. AND THE MOST  
3 IMPORTANT FIGURE, AS I MENTIONED BEFORE, THAT 50 PERCENT SAID  
4 THEY WOULD DEFINITELY VOTE YES EVEN BEFORE HEARING INFORMATION  
5 ABOUT WHAT THE MEASURE, THE INDIVIDUAL SERVICES THAT THE  
6 MEASURE MAY SEEK TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR. THAT WAS A DRAMATIC  
7 LEVEL OF SUPPORT.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I SEE. THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** COUNTY COUNSEL?

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13 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR AND BOARD OF  
14 SUPERVISORS. SO FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS, SINCE MARCH, THE  
15 OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL, WORKING WITH THE C.E.O. HAS BEEN  
16 STUDYING A VERY-- A NUMBER OF PROPOSED BALLOT MEASURES THAT  
17 THE BOARD COULD CONSIDER TO GENERATE REVENUE TO COMBAT  
18 HOMELESSNESS. TODAY I HAVE TOM FAUGHNAN, AN ATTORNEY FROM MY  
19 OFFICE, WHO IS GOING TO WALK THROUGH THE VARIOUS MEASURES THAT  
20 WE'VE BEEN STUDYING. HE WILL LOOK AT THE PROPOSED MEASURE,  
21 WHETHER STATE LEGISLATION IS REQUIRED AS AN INITIAL STEP  
22 BEFORE THE BOARD WERE TO CONSIDER THAT MEASURE, SOME OF THE  
23 POLLING RESULTS, AND THEN THE TAX REVENUE THAT WE CAN  
24 ANTICIPATE GENERATING FROM THE MEASURE. WHAT THE BOARD VOTE  
25 REQUIRED WOULD BE TO PUT THE MEASURE ON THE BALLOT AND THEN



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1 THE ELECTORATE VOTE. YOU SHOULD ALL HAVE IN YOUR POSSESSION  
2 OUR POWERPOINT. THE LAST TWO PAGES OF THAT IS THE CHART THAT  
3 TOM WILL BE WALKING US THROUGH AND WE'LL DO IT AS QUICKLY AS  
4 POSSIBLE, MADAME CHAIR, BECAUSE WE KNOW WE HAVE MEMBERS OF THE  
5 PUBLIC HERE TO SPEAK.

6

7 **TOM FAUGHNAN:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU. THE LAST  
8 TUESDAY FOR THE BOARD TO PLACE A MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER  
9 BALLOT IS AUGUST 9, 2016. THE COUNTY-WIDE REVENUE OPTIONS TO  
10 COMBAT HOMELESSNESS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPLORED AND HAVE BEEN  
11 POLLED ARE THE FOLLOWING: THE TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME ABOVE \$1  
12 MILLION PER YEAR. THE TRANSACTION AND USE TAX, WHICH IS A  
13 SALES TAX, THE MARIJUANA TAX, AND A PARCEL TAX. WITH REGARD TO  
14 THE TAX ON PERSONAL INCOME ABOVE \$1 MILLION A YEAR, THERE IS  
15 LEGISLATION REQUIRED FROM THE STATE TO AUTHORIZE THIS TAX. IN  
16 ORDER TO MEET THE AUGUST 9TH DEADLINE FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT,  
17 WE WOULD NEED TO PURSUE EITHER A TRAILER BILL, WHICH REQUIRES  
18 MAJORITY VOTE OF THE LEGISLATURE BY JUNE 15TH AND APPROVAL BY  
19 THE GOVERNOR BY JUNE 30TH TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1ST OR AN  
20 URGENCY BILL WHICH REQUIRES TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE  
21 LEGISLATURE. AND THAT WOULD BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY. A  
22 REGULAR BILL WOULD NOT BE EFFECTIVE UNTIL JANUARY OF NEXT  
23 YEAR. I WON'T GO THROUGH THE POLLING, BUT THE PROPOSED TAX IS  
24 A HALF PERCENT TAX ON INCOME OVER \$1 MILLION COUNTY-WIDE. THE  
25 ESTIMATED REVENUE WOULD BE \$243 MILLION. THE BOARD WOULD



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1 REQUIRE TO APPROVE THIS SPECIAL TAX BY A MAJORITY VOTE. AND  
2 THE VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE WOULD BE TWO-THIRDS. THE  
3 TRANSACTION AND USE TAX DOES NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL STATE  
4 LEGISLATION. THAT IS A SALES TAX THAT CAN BE IMPOSED IN 1/8  
5 PERCENT INCREMENTS UP TO A 2 PERCENT CAP. CURRENTLY THE  
6 COUNTY-WIDE SALES TAX IS AT 1 PERCENT. AND SOME CITIES HAVE  
7 THEIR OWN SALES TAX. THE ESTIMATED REVENUE BASED ON A QUARTER  
8 PERCENT SALES TAX WOULD BE \$373 MILLION ANNUALLY. AND THE  
9 ESTIMATED REVENUE ON A HALF PERCENT SALES TAX COUNTYWIDE WOULD  
10 BE \$746 MILLION ANNUALLY. THE BOARD VOTE WOULD BE TWO-THIRDS  
11 FOR EITHER A GENERAL TAX OR SPECIAL TAX, AND THAT'S PARTICULAR  
12 TO SALES TAXES. BUT THE GENERAL SALES TAX WOULD REQUIRE A  
13 MAJORITY VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE, SPECIAL SALES TAX WOULD  
14 REQUIRE TWO-THIRDS VOTE. AND THE DIFFERENCE BEING THAT A  
15 SPECIAL TAX NEEDS TO HAVE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE FUNDS  
16 USED IDENTIFIED IN THE MEASURE. A GENERAL SALES TAX WOULD NOT  
17 AND CAN BE USED FOR GENERAL PURPOSES. WITH REGARD TO THE  
18 MARIJUANA TAX, CURRENTLY THERE IS LOCAL TAXATION OF MEDICAL  
19 MARIJUANA AUTHORIZED. THERE WAS A BILL RECENTLY IN OCTOBER  
20 BEFORE THE STATE LEGISLATURE THAT WAS APPROVED. THERE ARE  
21 SEVERAL INITIATIVES ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT THAT MAY LEGALIZE  
22 RECREATIONAL USE AND AUTHORIZE LOCAL TAXATION. THE BOARD WOULD  
23 NEED TO DECIDE WHETHER TO SEEK VOTER APPROVAL TO TAX MEDICAL  
24 MARIJUANA, RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA, IF IT'S LEGALIZED, OR BOTH,  
25 AND SET THE RATES. THE RATES WOULD BE UP TO YOUR BOARD. THE



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1 ESTIMATED REVENUE HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED YET BECAUSE THE  
2 RATES HAVE NOT BEEN DETERMINED. THE BOARD APPROVAL FOR A  
3 GENERAL TAX ON MARIJUANA WOULD BE TWO-THIRDS. FOR A SPECIAL  
4 TAX WOULD BE MAJORITY VOTE. FOR THE ELECTORATE, THE VOTERS  
5 WOULD HAVE TO AN APPROVE BY A MAJORITY, A GENERAL TAX AND TWO-  
6 THIRDS FOR THE SPECIAL TAX. WITH REGARD TO A PARCEL TAX, THERE  
7 WOULD BE NO ADDITIONAL STATE LEGISLATION REQUIRED. THERE IS  
8 THE OPTION FOR A FLAT PER PARCEL RATE OR A PER SQUARE FOOT  
9 RATE. THE ESTIMATED REVENUE BASED ON THE \$49 TAX PER PARCEL  
10 THAT WAS POLLED WAS \$247 MILLION ANNUALLY. THE BOARD VOTE FOR  
11 A PARCEL TAX IS A MAJORITY VOTE AND IT IS TWO-THIRDS OF THE  
12 ELECTORATE. PARCEL TAXES CAN ONLY BE SPECIAL TAXES. SO THE  
13 PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE FUNDS WOULD BE USED NEED TO BE INCLUDED  
14 IN THE MEASURE, AND THEY'RE RESTRICTED AS SUCH. THE OTHER  
15 BALLOT MEASURES THAT WERE CONSIDERED AND POLLED IS THE  
16 STATEWIDE PROP 30 EXTENSION, THE COUNTY PARKS AND OPEN SPACE  
17 MEASURE AND THE COUNTY TRANSPORTATION MEASURE, R-2. THERE IS  
18 NO ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION REQUIRED FOR THE PROPOSITION 30  
19 EXTENSION. THAT IS AN INITIATIVE. THAT IS A TAX ON UPPER  
20 INCOME EARNINGS OVER \$250,000 PER YEAR. WE DO NOT HAVE AN  
21 ESTIMATE FOR THE REVENUE. THERE IS NO BOARD VOTE, IT'S A  
22 STATEWIDE MEASURE, AND THE ELECTORATE VOTE WOULD BE A MAJORITY  
23 APPROVAL. WITH REGARD TO THE PARKS MEASURE, THERE IS NO  
24 ADDITIONAL LEGISLATION REQUIRED. THE CURRENT PROPOSAL IS A  
25 PARCEL TAX BASED ON SQUARE FOOTAGE OF IMPROVEMENTS. ULTIMATELY





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1 THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO DETERMINE THE RATE OF SQUARE FOOTAGE  
2 THAT IS TAXED. THE ESTIMATED REVENUE BASED ON A 3-CENT PER  
3 SQUARE FOOT RATE IS \$198 MILLION. THE BOARD VOTE FOR APPROVAL  
4 OF THE PARKS MEASURE IS A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD. AND THE VOTE  
5 OF THE ELECTORATE REQUIRED IS TWO-THIRDS. WITH REGARD TO THE  
6 COUNTY TRANSPORTATION MEASURE, R-2, THERE IS NO SPECIAL  
7 LEGISLATION REQUIRED. THE M.T.A. HAS ALREADY OBTAINED SPECIAL  
8 LEGISLATION FOR THIS MEASURE. IT IS A HALF CENT SALES TAX. THE  
9 ESTIMATED REVENUE FROM THE M.T.A. IS \$800 MILLION ANNUALLY.  
10 THE VOTE OF THE M.T.A. TO PLACE THIS ON THE BALLOT IS MAJORITY  
11 VOTE. AND IT IS A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE TO PASS  
12 THAT OPTION. AND JUST ADDITIONALLY, OTHER THINGS THAT WE  
13 LOOKED AT BUT WERE NOT POLLED, WOULD BE USING THE DOCUMENTARY  
14 TRANSFER TAX. THAT IS A TAX ON REAL PROPERTY TRANSFERS THAT  
15 CANNOT BE INCREASED FROM WHAT IT CURRENTLY IS IN STATE LAW,  
16 WHICH IS \$1.10 PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF REAL ESTATE INTEREST  
17 TRANSFERRED. TO THE EXTENT THAT THERE ARE CITIES THAT HAVE  
18 ALSO ADOPTED A TAX PURSUANT TO THIS STATUTE, THE COUNTY SHARES  
19 THAT TAX IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND IN CHARTER CITIES  
20 THAT HAVE A TAX, THE COUNTY DOES NOT SHARE THE TAX, IT GETS  
21 THE FULL 110 PERCENT AMOUNT. AND WE ALSO LOOKED AT MEASURE B,  
22 THE TRAUMA TAX, AS THERE WAS A PROPOSAL TO POTENTIALLY  
23 REDIRECT THOSE FUNDS. MEASURE B IS A SPECIAL TAX. THE FUNDS  
24 WERE RESTRICTED TO SPECIFIC USES RELATED TO TRAUMA CENTERS AND  
25 EMERGENCY ROOMS, AND COULD ONLY BE USED FOR OTHER PROGRAMS



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1 SUCH AS HOMELESSNESS BY A FURTHER BALLOT MEASURE WITH A  
2 MAJORITY APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND A TWO-THIRD  
3 VOTE OF THE ELECTORATE. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT PRESENTATION.  
6 I THINK IT'S EXTREMELY HELPFUL AND I APPRECIATE IT.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SACHI  
9 HAMAI.

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11 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
12 BOARD. I THINK WHAT YOU HAVE HEARD BEFORE YOU ARE THE OPTIONS  
13 THAT THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE HAD REPORTED BACK IN TERMS OF  
14 IDENTIFYING SOME ADDITIONAL REVENUES. TODAY BEFORE THIS BOARD  
15 IS ITEM NO. 1 AND NO. 5. AND SO WHAT I WANTED TO MAKE SURE  
16 THAT EVERYBODY HAD AN UNDERSTANDING OF IS WHERE THE FUNDING  
17 WOULD GO FOR EACH OF THOSE ITEMS. NUMBER 1 IS ON THE RIGHT-  
18 HAND SIDE AND WHERE THE FUNDING IS CURRENTLY GOING TOWARD. AND  
19 THEN ON ITEM NO. 5, IF THERE IS A REVENUE OPTION UNDER WHETHER  
20 IT'S THE MILLIONAIRES TAX, SALES TAX, PARCEL TAX, MARIJUANA  
21 TAX, ET CETERA, WHERE THE POTENTIAL FUNDING COULD GO TO. AND  
22 ALSO WHERE THE STATE LEGISLATURE IS IN TERMS OF THEIR RECENT  
23 PROPOSAL WITH THE NO PLACE LIKE HOME AND WHAT THE MONEY COULD  
24 BE USED FOR LOCALLY. SO I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO PHIL  
25 ANSELL OUR DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF HOMELESSNESS.



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2 **PHIL ANSELL:** THANK YOU, SACHI. MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
3 BOARD. SO JUST BRIEFLY, WHAT THIS CHART SHOWS ESSENTIALLY IS  
4 THAT THE THREE FUNDING STREAMS IDENTIFIED IN THE CHART ARE  
5 COMPLEMENTARY. AND ARE OR WOULD BE USED IN COMPLEMENTARY WAYS.  
6 STARTING WITH THE LEFT-HAND COLUMN AROUND THE POTENTIAL  
7 COUNTYWIDE REVENUE OPTIONS FOR HOMELESSNESS, WE'VE IDENTIFIED  
8 ON THE FIRST SIX ROWS THE MAJOR CATEGORIES OF THE HOMELESS  
9 INITIATIVE STRATEGIES WHICH THE BOARD APPROVED ON FEBRUARY  
10 9TH, 47 STRATEGIES IN SIX CATEGORIES. IF A COUNTYWIDE REVENUE  
11 OPTION TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS IS PLACED BEFORE THE VOTERS AND  
12 APPROVED, THEN THE APPROVED FUNDING COULD BE USED TO SUSTAIN  
13 THE STRATEGIES APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON FEBRUARY 9TH BEYOND  
14 THE TIME PERIOD THAT THEY CAN BE SUSTAINED, WITH THE ONE-TIME  
15 FUNDING THAT'S BEEN CURRENTLY ALLOCATED. IN ADDITION, WE'VE  
16 IDENTIFIED THE POTENTIAL UTILIZATION OF SOME OF THAT FUNDING  
17 FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT BECAUSE GENERALLY IN CONTRAST WITH  
18 BOTH SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES,  
19 THERE IS A COUNTY SHARE FOR MUCH OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES,  
20 AND THERE IS SURPLUS DEMAND CURRENTLY FOR MENTAL HEALTH  
21 TREATMENT. AND THEREFORE IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME OF THE  
22 FUNDING THAT COULD BE GENERATED FOR HOMELESS REVENUE STREAM  
23 COULD BE USED TO MATCH EXTERNAL REVENUE TO EXPAND THE  
24 AVAILABILITY OF MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT FOR HOMELESS ADULTS.  
25 THE MIDDLE COLUMN IS SIMILAR TO THE "NO PLACE LIKE HOME"



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1 INITIATIVE, THAT'S PRESENTED BY SENATOR DE LE N AND ENDORSED  
2 BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE MAY REVISION LAST FRIDAY. AS WE SEE  
3 HERE, THAT FUNDING WOULD BE EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
4 CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF HOUSING  
5 FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE WITH A MENTAL ILLNESS. FINALLY ON THE  
6 RIGHT-HAND SIDE WE SEE THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY THAT WAS  
7 MENTIONED EARLIER BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS WHERE THE C.E.O.'S  
8 RESEARCH TEAM FOUND THAT THE COUNTY SPENT AN ESTIMATED \$965  
9 MILLION IN FISCAL YEAR '14/'15 ON SERVICES TO HOMELESS SINGLE  
10 ADULTS. AS WE SEE HERE, THE VAST MAJORITY OF THESE SERVICES  
11 ARE MAINSTREAM SERVICES THAT ARE NOT DESIGNED SPECIFICALLY TO  
12 COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. THESE ARE THE ROWS ON THE CHART ON THE  
13 BOTTOM WITH THE CHECK MARKS ON THE RIGHT. THESE ARE HEALTH  
14 SERVICES SUCH MEDICAL HEALTH, PHYSICAL HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL  
15 HEALTH TREATMENT, SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER, INCARCERATION,  
16 PROBATION, SUPERVISION, CASH ASSISTANCE AND FOOD ASSISTANCE.  
17 BY AND LARGE, THESE SERVICES ARE NOT CURRENTLY DESIGNED TO  
18 COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. THESE ARE SERVICES THAT HOMELESS PEOPLE  
19 ACCESS TO A DISPROPORTIONATE DEGREE BECAUSE OF THEIR  
20 HOMELESSNESS, BECAUSE BEING HOMELESS, FOR EXAMPLE, IS  
21 HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH. AND THAT'S WHY SUPERVISOR SOLIS  
22 POINTED OUT EARLIER IN HER MOTION, THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY  
23 HERE TO, BY PROVIDING MORE EFFECTIVE AND MORE EXTENSIVE  
24 SERVICES TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS, AS APPROVED THROUGH THE  
25 HOMELESS INITIATIVE STRATEGIES AND AS COULD BE SUSTAINED



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1 THROUGH THE ENACTMENT OF AN ONGOING REVENUE SOURCE TO COMBAT  
2 HOMELESSNESS, THAT WOULD CREATE THE POTENTIAL TO MOVE MORE  
3 HOMELESS PEOPLE INTO HOUSING AND AS A RESULT THE SERVICES THAT  
4 WE ARE PROVIDING THROUGH OUR MAINSTREAM HEALTH AND JUSTICE  
5 SYSTEMS AND SOCIAL SERVICES SYSTEMS COULD BE TARGETED MORE  
6 EFFICIENTLY AND MORE EFFECTIVELY. AS SHOWN ON SUPERVISOR  
7 SOLIS'S CHART, THE BRIDGE FROM WHERE WE ARE NOW TO WHERE WE  
8 WOULD HOPE TO BE IS THOSE HOMELESS SERVICES IN THE MIDDLE  
9 WHICH COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. SO IN THAT WAY, THESE THREE FUNDING  
10 STREAMS ARE COMPLEMENTARY. NO PLACE LIKE HOME WOULD PROVIDE  
11 FUNDING FOR CAPITAL EXPENDITURES TO INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF  
12 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR A SIGNIFICANT SUBSET OF THE HOMELESS  
13 POPULATION. THE COUNTYWIDE REVENUE OPTION TO COMBAT  
14 HOMELESSNESS WOULD PROVIDE ONGOING FUNDING FOR HOUSING AND  
15 RELATED SERVICES THAT ARE NOT TYPICALLY FUNDED WITH STATE AND  
16 FEDERAL REVENUE THROUGH OUR MAINSTREAM SYSTEMS. AND AT THE  
17 SAME TIME, WE WOULD CONTINUE TO PROVIDE SERVICES THROUGH OUR  
18 MAINSTREAM SYSTEMS THAT WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE  
19 IF COMBINED WITH HOUSING RATHER THAN TRYING TO PROVIDE THOSE  
20 SERVICES TO PEOPLE LIVING ON OUR SIDEWALKS AND UNDER OUR  
21 BRIDGES. THANK YOU.

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23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANY COMMENTS?  
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1    **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I THINK WE ARE APPRECIATIVE OF THE  
2    PRESENTATION BY MR. BINDER AND MISS BYERLY, MS. WICKHAM AND  
3    MR. FAUGHNAN, AND MISS HAMAI. IT HELPS CLARIFY ALL OF WHAT WE  
4    ARE TRYING TO DO TO SHOW THAT THIS BOARD IS SERIOUS ABOUT  
5    FIGURING OUT HOW TO ADDRESS THE MOST COMPELLING CRISIS THAT  
6    CONFRONTS US CURRENTLY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. MAKE NO  
7    MISTAKE ABOUT IT: IF WE DON'T DO IT, IT WON'T GET DONE AS WELL  
8    AS IT CAN AND SHOULD. THE COUNTY IS UNIQUELY POSITIONED,  
9    THEREFORE SPECIFICALLY OBLIGED. THE WORK THAT WE ARE ALREADY  
10    DOING IS IMPORTANT. IT IS SIMPLY INSUFFICIENT. IT IS CRITICAL  
11    THAT WE HAVE DONE WHAT WE HAVE DONE. AND I WANT TO APPLAUD  
12    EVERYONE FOR THE DUE DILIGENCE IN WHICH YOU HAVE ENGAGED. THE  
13    PROCESS LED BY THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE IN TERMS OF THE HOMELESS  
14    SUMMIT IS UNPRECEDENTED. WE DIDN'T JUST JUMP IN, SAY WE KNEW  
15    WHAT TO DO. WE STUDIED THE ISSUE AND SOME SAID, "YOU'VE  
16    ALREADY STUDIED IT." WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT? THINGS CHANGED, SO  
17    IT NEEDED TO BE STUDIED ANEW AND GIVING ALL MEMBERS OF THIS  
18    BOARD AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT THOSE FINDINGS THROUGHOUT THE  
19    COUNTY AND LEARN HOW WE SHOULD PROCEED. THE BOARD THEN MOVED  
20    FORWARD AND SAID, ALL RIGHT, WE HAVE THAT. NOW LET'S SEE WHAT  
21    THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY ARE SAYING. THEREFORE WE COMMISSIONED  
22    A POLL. NOT ONE PERSON'S POLL. IT WAS ALL OF OUR POLL. AND WE  
23    HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO GIVE INPUT INTO THIS POLL. EACH OFFICE  
24    HAD THAT OPPORTUNITY. WE GOT THE POLL RESULTS BACK. AND THEY  
25    WERE MORE ENCOURAGING THAN SOME OF US MIGHT HAVE ANTICIPATED.





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1 NOW THE STATE HAS WEIGHED IN THROUGH THE PRO TEM KEVIN DE LEON  
2 AND THE GOVERNOR HAS GIVEN A NOD TO THE \$2 BILLION BOND. IT IS  
3 CLEAR THAT THAT'S IMPORTANT. LET ME UNDERSTATE THAT IT IS  
4 INSUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT THE PROFUNDITY OF THE CRISIS AND THE  
5 DEPTH OF POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY. WE HAVE TO DO  
6 MORE. THERE ARE NOW MORE SELF-CORRECTING FEATURES FACING THIS  
7 ISSUE. IN OTHER WORDS, IT WON'T GET BETTER UNLESS WE HAVE  
8 SIGNIFICANT INTERVENTION. EACH MEMBER OF THIS BOARD HAS SAID  
9 REPEATEDLY, ONE TIME FUNDING IS INSUFFICIENT. NOW IT'S TIME TO  
10 GET ON WITH THE RIGOROUS EXPLORATION OF THE KIND OF FUNDING  
11 THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY. THE DEPARTMENTS, THAT IS THE HEALTH  
12 AGENCY AND ITS COMPONENTS, HEALTH SERVICES, MENTAL HEALTH AS  
13 WELL AS PUBLIC HEALTH ARE WEIGHING IN IN A HUGE WAY. IT IS THE  
14 COUNTY'S INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS OBLIGED TO WORK ON THESE  
15 ISSUES WITH CITIES. SO LET'S JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT WE ARE  
16 POISED NOW TO GO FORWARD AND DO GOOD WORK, BETTER WORK,  
17 IMPORTANT WORK. AND I'M SIMPLY HOPEFUL THAT ALL OF US WILL BE  
18 OF THE SAME MIND TO EXPLORE EVERY SINGLE OPTION TO MAKE  
19 OURSELVES CREDIBLE ON THE QUESTION OF THE FIGHT AGAINST  
20 HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY. MADAME CHAIR, I THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITH THAT, WE WILL EXCUSE THE PANEL.  
23 THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS. AND I DO LOOK FORWARD TO  
24 HEARING FROM OUR COUNTY COUNSEL AS WE BEGIN TO EXPLORE THIS  
25 ISSUE AND OUR LEGISLATIVE STAFF IN SACRAMENTO, WHAT THE



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1 TEMPERATURE IS. SO I'M VERY PLEASED TO SEE THE SUPPORT MOVING  
2 FORWARD AND LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM OUR FRIENDS IN  
3 SACRAMENTO.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAME CHAIR, IN SUPPORT OF THAT POINT YOU  
6 JUST MADE, MAY I SUGGEST THAT WE HAVE THE ITEM SCHEDULED ON  
7 THE AGENDA AS AN A ITEM FOR THAT PURPOSE ANY TIME ANYONE  
8 WANTED TO CALL THEM FORWARD TO GIVE US A REPORT, WE DON'T HAVE  
9 TO BRING IN MOTIONS, IT'S THERE. AND SO IN THAT ITEM, I WOULD  
10 SO MOVE.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SURE, OKAY. SECONDED. WITHOUT  
13 OBJECTION. OKAY. WITH THAT, MEMBERS, WE HAVE PLENTY OF  
14 SPEAKERS. I BELIEVE WELL OVER 150 AND COUNTING. SO I KNOW A  
15 LOT OF FOLKS HAVE MADE A SPECIAL DRIVE OUT HERE TODAY. AND I  
16 APPRECIATE THAT. WE'RE GOING TO TRY TO BE AS ORDERLY AS WE  
17 CAN. AND JUST REMIND THE AUDIENCE AGAIN TO PLEASE RAISE THE  
18 ROOF AS OPPOSED TO NOISE OR BOISTEROUS DISTRACTIONS. WE ALL  
19 KNOW WHY WE'RE HERE, AND WE APPRECIATE YOU VERY MUCH. SO  
20 MOVING FORWARD, I'D LIKE TO JUST CLARIFY THAT THE INDIVIDUALS  
21 THAT I'LL BE CALLING UP NOW, THESE ARE INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE  
22 BEEN IDENTIFIED BY THE VARIOUS OFFICES THAT WILL SPEAK OR BE  
23 PROVIDED WITH TWO MINUTES. AND THEY ARE PRESENTERS. THERE  
24 AFTER WE'LL HEAR FROM PUBLIC MEMBERS AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS  
25 WILL SPEAK FOR ONE MINUTE. SO LET'S GET THIS ROLLING. FIRST ON



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1 THE ITEM-- AND I'LL TRY TO CALL YOU UP IN THREES SO WE CAN  
2 CONTINUE TO MOVE THIS FORWARD IN A PRODUCTIVE MANNER.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, JUST A POINT OF CLARIFICATION. YOU  
5 ARE DOING BOTH ITEMS AT THE SAME TIME, CORRECT?

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** JUST TO REMIND. 1 AND 5, YES. THESE  
8 ARE P-1, 1 AND 5.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** THE FACT THAT YOU HAVE THREE VOTES, IT WOULD  
11 APPEAR, MAYBE SOME PEOPLE WANT TO YIELD.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THEY MAY. WITH THAT, I HAVE STEVE  
14 LYTTLE, SALVATION ARMY BELL. ANTONIO CHAPA. JAN PERRY. REGGIE  
15 CLARK. CAN THEY PLEASE COME FORWARD? AND IMMEDIATELY. PLEASE  
16 BE REMINDED TO STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD. AND WATCH THE  
17 LIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. GO AHEAD, SIR.

18

19 **STEVE LYTTLE:** MADAME CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS STEVE  
20 LYTTLE. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF THE SALVATION ARMY BELL SHELTER IN  
21 THE CITY OF BELL. I'M HERE TO OFFER MY SUPPORT FOR SUPERVISOR  
22 SOLIS AND KNABE'S MOTION TO EXAMINE COUNTY FUNDS SPENT ON  
23 HOMELESSNESS. WE'RE ALL PAINFULLY AWARE OF THE HOMELESSNESS  
24 CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY, ESPECIALLY AFTER THE RECENT RELEASE OF  
25 DATA FROM LAST JANUARY'S HOMELESS COUNT THAT SHOWED THE



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1 OVERALL INCREASE IN OUR FELLOWS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.  
2 IT'S CLEAR THERE'S NO ONE SOLUTION TO ENDING THIS CRISIS. WE  
3 NEED TO APPROACH IT FROM EVERY POSSIBLE ANGLE. THE MOTION IS  
4 ONE APPROACH AND IT DOESN'T PRECLUDE OTHER APPROACHES FROM  
5 BEING PURSUED AT THE SAME TIME. THIS MOTION WILL ALLOW THE  
6 COUNTY TO STUDY HOW NEARLY 1 BILLION OF COUNTY FUNDS ARE SPENT  
7 ACROSS SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON THE 40  
8 PERCENT OF FUNDS THAT ARE SPENT ON ONLY 5 PERCENT OF THE  
9 HOMELESS SINGLE ADULT POPULATION. WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING  
10 OF HOW THE FUNDS ARE SPENT, THE COUNTY WILL BE BETTER TO  
11 IDENTIFY THOSE INTERVENTIONS THAT ARE MOST LIKELY TO HELP THIS  
12 5 PERCENT OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION ACCESS THE PERMANENT  
13 HOUSING AND SERVICES THEY NEED TO BREAK THEIR CYCLE OF  
14 HOMELESSNESS. THIS HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BETTER DIRECT EXISTING  
15 COUNTY FUNDS TO BRING SPENDING PATTERNS IN LINE WITH THE  
16 STRATEGIES OUTLINED IN THE COUNTY'S RECENTLY RELEASED HOMELESS  
17 INITIATIVE. I ALSO WANT TO TAKE A MOMENT TO PUBLICLY THANK  
18 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN HELPING OUR COMMUNITIES  
19 TACKLE THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. SINCE HER ELECTION TO THE  
20 BOARD, SUPERVISOR SOLIS HAS BEEN A VALUABLE PARTNER THE FIGHT  
21 TO END AND PREVENT HOMELESSNESS. SHE HAS PROVIDED FUNDING,  
22 SMART LEADERSHIP AND STRONG ADVOCACY WITH TANGIBLE RESULTS. AT  
23 BELL SHELTER, FUNDS ALLOCATED BY THE SUPERVISOR PROVIDE  
24 TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR 42 HOMELESS ADULTS EACH NIGHT. OVER THE  
25 COURSE OF JUST A YEAR, WE'RE ABLE TO SERVE OVER A HUNDRED



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1 UNDUPLICATED INDIVIDUALS, NEARLY THREE QUARTERS MOVING INTO  
2 PERMANENT HOUSING WITHIN SIX MONTHS THE SUPERVISOR HAS ALSO  
3 BEEN A KEY SUPPORTER OF OUR VETERANS AND FEEDBACK PROGRAM  
4 WHICH HAS HELPED HUNDREDS OF VETERANS EXPERIENCE RELIEF FROM  
5 THE CRIPPLING EFFECTS OF P.T.S.D., INSOMNIA, ANXIETY,  
6 DEPRESSION AND A HOST OF OTHER CHALLENGES. THANK YOU,  
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND VISION IN THE FIGHT  
8 TO END HOMELESSNESS.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **ANTONIO CHAPA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE  
13 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. MY NAME'S ANTONIO CHAPA, VETERANS  
14 ADVISORY COMMISSIONER FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. 8 YEAR  
15 MARINE CORPS VETERAN AND A FORMERLY HOMELESS VETERAN. I WORKED  
16 WITH HOMELESS PEOPLE FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS AND CURRENTLY  
17 WORKING WITH HOMELESS VETERANS. IN WORKING WITH OUR HOMELESS  
18 BROTHERS AND SISTERS, MANY WHO SUFFER FROM MENTAL AND/OR  
19 HEALTH ISSUES, THE PROVENANCE OF SERVICES IS EXTREMELY  
20 IMPORTANT. NOT ONLY DO SERVICES NEED TO BE PROMPT, THEY ALSO  
21 NEED TO BE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE. THE HOMELESS POPULATION  
22 WOULD BENEFIT GREATLY IF COUNTY DEPARTMENTS WORK TOGETHER IN  
23 AN EFFICIENT MANNER TO ASSIST OUR MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE. IN  
24 MY YEARS OF WORKING WITH HOMELESS POPULATION, FAMILIES AND  
25 CHILDREN AND TRANSITIONAL-AGE YOUTH ARE THE MOST CHALLENGING



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1 DUE TO THE LACK OF TEMPORARY HOUSING AND OTHER NEEDED  
2 SERVICES. THE LACK OF THESE SERVICES GREATLY FAILED IN THE SAN  
3 GABRIEL VALLEY. A FOCUS ON THESE POPULATIONS WILL PROVIDE  
4 BETTER OPPORTUNITIES TO THE CHILDREN AND TRANSITIONAL-AGE  
5 YOUTH WHO ARE THE MOST VULNERABLE AND MOST NEED OF HOPE. IF WE  
6 DO NOT ADDRESS THEM NOW, THEN I AM SURE THAT WE'LL ADDRESS  
7 THEM IN THEIR ADULthood AND BY THEN IT MAY BE TOO LATE. I ASK  
8 THAT WE AS A COUNTY BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN HOW WE SPEND OUR  
9 DOLLARS AND EQUALLY DO SO THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS  
10 ANGELES. ONCE WE CAN DO THIS, WE CAN BE MORE EFFICIENT IN HOW  
11 WE ADDRESS OUR HOMELESS POPULATION. PLEASE MOVE FORWARD IN  
12 PASSING THESE MOTIONS IN WHICH I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF. I  
13 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **JAN PERRY:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR AND MADAME CHAIR.  
18 MY NAME IS JAN PERRY. I'M THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE ECONOMIC  
19 AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF LOS  
20 ANGELES, ALSO YOUR APPOINTEE TO THE SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION.  
21 IT'S A PLEASURE NOT ONLY TO SIT HERE TODAY OR STAND HERE TODAY  
22 IN SUPPORT OF THE MOTION THAT YOU INTRODUCED, BUT TO OBSERVE  
23 THE PROCESS AT WORK AND TO SEE THAT IT WILL NOW BE ABLE TO  
24 MOVE FORWARD AS A PACKAGE WITH THE FRIENDLY AMENDMENT AND THAT  
25 THE FORCES HAVE JOINED TOGETHER TO GIVE WISE AND INFORMED





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1 LEADERSHIP TO THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS ON A COUNTY-WIDE BASIS  
2 AND GIVE IT THE FULL SCOPE AND DEPTH AND BREADTH OF ATTENTION  
3 AND POTENTIAL FUNDING ON THE BALLOT THAT IT DESERVES. WE ARE  
4 YOUR PARTNERS IN THE CITY AND HAVE WORKED VERY EXTENSIVELY  
5 WITH MR. ANSELL IN DEVELOPING A STRATEGY FROM EVERY SINGLE  
6 DEPARTMENT. AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT IN PAST EXPERIENCE, THE  
7 VOTERS ARE MUCH MORE INSPIRED WHEN THEY KNOW SPECIFICALLY HOW  
8 AND WHERE MONEY WILL BE SPENT AND HOW IT WILL BE SPENT, AND I  
9 WILL LEAVE YOU WITH THIS EXAMPLE. WE ADMINISTER A GRANT IN  
10 E.W.D.D. THAT TAKES PEOPLE WHO ARE FORMERLY HOMELESS, PEOPLE  
11 WHO ARE VETS, PEOPLE WHO HAVE MENTAL ILLNESS AND HAVE HAD  
12 HOUSING, HAVE BEEN STABILIZED AND HAVE HAD WRAP-AROUND  
13 SERVICES AND TAKE THEM INTO JOB TRAINING FOR SOCIAL  
14 ENTERPRISES. HOW WONDERFUL IT WOULD BE IF WE HAD THE  
15 OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY, BRING IT TO SCALE AND TO  
16 BRING THAT ABILITY TO THE PROGRAM WE CALL L.A. RISE THROUGHOUT  
17 THE COUNTY AND HELP MANY, MANY, MANY MORE PEOPLE RECOVER,  
18 RECLAIM THEIR LIVES AND GO BACK TO WORK. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME ALSO CALL  
21 UP BOOKER PERSON, ANDREA MARCHETTI. HERBERT HATANAKA AND  
22 VIVIAN ROMERO. YES, SIR.

23

24 **REGGIE CLARK.:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR. MY NAME'S REGGIE  
25 CLARK. I'M WITH VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA AND PROGRAM MANAGER



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1    THERE AND I WORK IN THE CITY OF POMONA. AND I AM SO HONORED TO  
2    BE HERE THIS MORNING TO HEAR THE ENERGY THAT THE BOARD HAS PUT  
3    FORTH TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ADDRESS THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE  
4    HOMELESSNESS THAT WE GOT GOING ON. YOU KNOW, I HAD THE  
5    OPPORTUNITY OF BEING A PART OF YOUR PUSH THIS PAST WINTER WITH  
6    THE WINTER SHELTER PROGRAMS. AND WITH YOUR ASSISTANCE, IT MADE  
7    A DIFFERENCE. IT MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE. SO I REALLY WANT TO  
8    MAKE SURE THAT WE UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A CRISIS AND WE NEED  
9    TO CONTINUE TO ATTACK. WE CANNOT SLOW UP AND THINK THAT IT'S  
10   GOING TO BE OKAY. WE MUST MOVE FORWARD. I WANT TO THANK YOU,  
11   MISS SOLIS FOR TAKING THE TIME OUT TO COME TO THE WINTER  
12   SHELTER THIS PAST YEAR, TO SEE WHAT'S GOING ON HANDS-ON SO YOU  
13   KNOW HOW TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE. IN MY OFFICE I'M ABLE TO  
14   ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS, PERIOD, WHETHER IT'S FAMILIES,  
15   INDIVIDUALS, VETERANS OR WHOEVER. AND I SEE THE RESULTS. I SEE  
16   WHAT'S HAPPENING AND I KNOW THAT IF WE CONTINUE MOVING FORWARD  
17   WITH THE ENERGY THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SOME DAY BE  
18   ABLE TO ADDRESS THIS IN A BETTER WAY. THANK YOU.

19

20   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, REGGIE, YOUR VOICE IS  
21   STRONG AND IT HAS BEEN HEARD. THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

22

23   **BOOKER PEARSON:** BOOKER PEARSON. I AM THE CHAIR OF THE COUNTY  
24   COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. AND I APPLAUD BOTH  
25   MOTION NUMBER 1 AND MOTION NUMBER 5. MOTION 1 MENTIONS A CLOSE



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1 LOOK AT COSTS. I WOULD DRAW YOUR ATTENTION TO A UNANIMOUS  
2 LETTER PASSED LAST THURSDAY BY A COMMISSION OF YOUR APPOINTEES  
3 THAT URGES YOU TO DO AN IN-DEPTH STUDY ON THE COST OF FAMILY  
4 HOMELESSNESS. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY STUDIES ON THE COST OF  
5 INDIVIDUAL HOMELESSNESS. NO COST STUDIES ON FAMILIES. MANY  
6 GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS HAVE DONE ROBUST STUDIES THAT CONCLUDE THAT  
7 FAMILIES ACTUALLY COST, IN PUBLIC COSTS, MUCH MORE THAN  
8 INDIVIDUALS. AND I DON'T THINK WE CAN ACTUALLY DETERMINE WHERE  
9 TO ALLOCATE OUR RESOURCES UNTIL WE KNOW WHERE WE'RE SPENDING  
10 MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS ADULTS. AND I WOULD  
11 ALSO WARN US ALL NOT TO DECLARE VICTORY ON FAMILY  
12 HOMELESSNESS. ONE OF THE POINTS OF THE LAST HOMELESS COUNT,  
13 WHICH I KNOW I SYMPATHIZE WITH THE CHAIR THAT SOMETIMES IT'S A  
14 BLUNT INSTRUMENT TO TRY TO DETERMINE WHERE TO ALLOCATE  
15 RESOURCES, BUT IN 2015 THERE WAS A 40 PERCENT INCREASE IN  
16 UNSHELTERED HOMELESS FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN, 40 PERCENT. IN  
17 2016, THERE WAS A 35 PERCENT DROP. WE SHOULDN'T DECLARE  
18 VICTORY JUST BECAUSE WE WERE UNCONSCIONABLE, WENT TO IMMORAL  
19 AND WE'RE BACK TO UNCONSCIONABLE FOR THAT. SO I THINK THAT WE  
20 NEED TO LOOK SERIOUSLY AT THE FAMILIES THAT ARE NOT BEING  
21 SERVED AND THE ECONOMIC AND MORAL IMPLICATIONS. THE OTHER  
22 THING I WOULD LIKE TO SAY IS THAT WITH THE SAVINGS, THIS \$40  
23 MILLION IN SAVINGS FROM FAMILIES COMING HOME TOGETHER THAT THE  
24 COUNTY COULD IMMEDIATELY REAP, AND I'VE SENT THAT TO ALL OF  
25 YOUR OFFICES. THEY'VE WORKED WITH ME. AND ON MOTION 5, EVEN



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1    THOUGH WE HAVE SAVINGS, I HONESTLY BELIEVE WE HAVE TO HAVE A  
2    SUSTAINABLE REVENUE SOURCE. WE WILL NOT SOLVE THIS WITH  
3    SAVINGS. THANK YOU.

4

5    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
6    WITNESS.

7

8    **HERBERT HATANAKA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'LL YIELD MOST  
9    OF MY TIME, SINCE IT LOOKS LIKE 1 AND 5, THERE'S PLENTY OF  
10   SUPPORT FOR IT. BUT IF I COULD JUST ADD IN YOUR APPROACH WITH  
11   REGARD TO ITEM 1 IN YOUR STUDY OF COSTS AND THE DATA THAT  
12   YOU'RE USING, IF I COULD SUGGEST THAT YOU WOULD COMPLEMENT  
13   THAT STUDY WITH A QUALITATIVE METHOD OR QUALITATIVE APPROACH.  
14   AND THE REASON BEING IS THAT WITH YOUR SUPPORT AND SUPPORT  
15   FROM THE CITY AND L.A.H.S.A. AND UNITED WAY, THERE'S BEEN IN  
16   THE LAST SIX TO NINE MONTHS A NUMBER OF VERY INNOVATIVE  
17   APPROACHES. ONE OF THEM IN FACT WAS REFERRED TO THIS MORNING  
18   ABOUT TARGETED CASE MANAGEMENT, ADDRESSING INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE  
19   HOMELESS IN THE ENCAMPMENTS, ON THE STREETS, UNDER OVERPASSES  
20   AND CERTAINLY ON THE RIVER BEDS. AND THESE APPROACHES HAVE  
21   ONLY BEEN HITTING THE GROUND FOR ABOUT SIX MONTHS. SO IF YOU  
22   LOOK AT LARGE AGGREGATE DATA FROM JUST THE DEPARTMENTS, YOU'RE  
23   NOT GOING TO GET THAT INFORMATION ABOUT THE TRANSFORMATIVE  
24   WORK THAT THESE OUTREACH TEAMS ARE USING. THE OTHER IS THE  
25   COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM THAT ALL OF YOUR OFFICES SUPPORT



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1 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THESE ARE JUST GETTING OFF THE GROUND.  
2 AND AS WE HEARD FROM THE L.A.H.S.A. CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON FRIDAY  
3 IN HIS BRIEFING TO US AS CHIEF EXECUTIVES, THERE'S SOME VERY  
4 PROMISING RESULTS COMING OUT OF THE C.E.S. SYSTEM. BUT THEY'RE  
5 VERY EARLY. SO IF YOU LOOK AT ONLY DEPARTMENT DATA, YOU'RE NOT  
6 GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET THAT INFORMATION AND SEE,  
7 QUALITATIVELY, SOME OF THE IMPORTANT WORK THAT THE C.E.S.  
8 SYSTEM IS BEING ABLE TO DELIVER. DR. KATZ HAS BEEN TO THIS  
9 BOARD. HE TOLD YOU ABOUT THE M.I.S.S. PROJECT, ABOUT OTHER  
10 ALTERNATIVES THAT THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION IS EMPLOYING TO TRY  
11 AND PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE TO INDIVIDUALS IN THE JAILS OR  
12 PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY. THIS IS ANOTHER SET OF VERY  
13 INFORMATIVE, INNOVATIVE ALTERNATIVES, IF YOU WILL, THAT CAN BE  
14 USED TO ADDRESS THE HOMELESS POPULATION. THERE ARE MANY OTHER  
15 EXAMPLES LIKE THIS, BUT I JUST TELL YOU, IN YOUR STUDY, IF YOU  
16 WOULD TAKE A LOOK QUALITATIVELY AT THESE APPROACHES, I THINK  
17 THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY ARE GOING TO BE MUCH MORE--

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

20

21 **ANDREA MARCHETTI:** MADAME CHAIR, DEAR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY  
22 NAME IS ANDREA MARCHETTI. I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOMELESS  
23 INC., A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES HOUSING AND  
24 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO HOMELESS YOUTH AGE 18 TO 25. WE PROVIDE  
25 SUPPORT TO A WIDE RANGE OF HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES PAIRED WITH A



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1 TAILORED LEVEL OF SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ACCORDING TO YOUR NEEDS.  
2 FROM SHELTER TO SINGLE SIDE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, FROM  
3 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING TO SCATTER SITE SERVICE AND REACH  
4 HOUSING. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK THE GREATEST EFFORT TO MAKE  
5 SURE THAT THIS SEED THAT HAS BEEN PLANTED IN THE PAST MONTHS  
6 WILL NOT DIE AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. IN ORDER TO FIGHT  
7 HOMELESSNESS, WE NEED TO PUT IN PLACE EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT  
8 STRATEGIES. IN PARTICULAR I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT YOUTH  
9 HOMELESSNESS AND THE NEED TO INVEST APPROPRIATE RESOURCES, TO  
10 AVOID THAT OUR YOUTH TODAY WILL BECOME THE CHRONIC HOMELESS OF  
11 TOMORROW. TOO OFTEN, THE CHALLENGES OF YOUTH ARE PUT ASIDE IN  
12 THE LIST OF PRIORITIES. HOWEVER, NEVER LACKING THIS CASE, MORE  
13 ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEM COULD PROVIDE AN IMMEDIATE BENEFIT IN  
14 REDUCING THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT FALL INTO CHRONIC  
15 HOMELESSNESS. FOR THIS REASON, I WELCOME THE FISCALLY  
16 RESPONSIBLE REVIEW OF COUNTY EXPENSES PROPOSED BY SUPERVISOR  
17 HILDA SOLIS TO SEE HOW WE CAN IMPLEMENT BEST PRACTICES AND  
18 REEVALUATE POOR PERFORMING APPROACHES TO CREATE A LONG TERM  
19 SUSTAINABILITY OF A WIDE RANGE OF WINNING STRATEGIES IN OUR  
20 COUNTY AND SUPPORT THE NEW HOMELESS REVENUE MOTION PROPOSED BY  
21 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO INCREASE THE  
22 LEVEL OF INVESTMENT IN HOMELESS STRATEGIES FOR ALL OUR  
23 COMMUNITIES. I THANK YOU FOR THE EFFORT AND FOR THE LEADERSHIP  
24 THAT YOU'RE PRODUCING IN CREATING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERIOUSLY  
25 TACKLE THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.





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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D ALSO LIKE TO CALL UP  
3 ANDREW QUINONES. ALSO JOE LYONS AND JOSEPH GONZALEZ. WELCOME.

4

5 **VIVIAN ROMERO:** HELLO. MY NAME IS VIVIAN ROMERO. I'M THE MAYOR  
6 PRO TEM OF THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO. I JUST WANT TO FIRST START  
7 BY PERSONALLY THANKING YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR CONTINUING  
8 TO WORK WITH SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CITIES, FOR YOUR CONSTANT  
9 SUPPORT ADDRESSING THE HOMELESS ISSUES ALONG THE SAN GABRIEL  
10 RIVER TASKFORCE. WE'VE DONE GREAT WORK. WE'VE HAD A  
11 COLLABORATIVE BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND OUR CITIES. AND I'VE BEEN  
12 THERE SINCE DAY ONE. SO I WANT TO START BY SAYING THAT. I JUST  
13 WANT TO BRING UP THAT WHEN I WENT ON THE TOUR OF THE AREAS  
14 THAT WERE DEVASTATED BY THE LINCOLN-WHITTIER NARROWS FIRE THAT  
15 WAS STARTED BY ONE HOMELESS PERSON WHO HAD A SUBSTANCE ABUSE  
16 ISSUE, HAD THAT PERSON BEEN PROVIDED TREATMENT, THE INVESTMENT  
17 THAT WAS MADE COULD HAVE PREVENTED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS SPENT  
18 TO MITIGATE THAT PARTICULAR FIRE. THE SUPER SCOOPERS, THE  
19 HELICOPTERS, ALL OF THE MUTUAL AID FROM MULTIPLE JURISDICTIONS  
20 WAS EXTREMELY COSTLY. WE LACK THE RESOURCES AND THE SHELTERS  
21 IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THERE'S NO PLACE TO TAKE OUR  
22 HOMELESS POPULATION THERE. AND IT'S CLEAR TO ME AND MY  
23 RESIDENTS THAT WE WERE UNDERCOUNTED. WE NEED MORE RESOURCES.  
24 WE'VE BEEN DOING THE WORK. WE'VE BEEN DOING GREAT WORK OVER  
25 THERE. AND I SUPPORT THE MOTION TODAY THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS



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1 HAS TO EXAMINE THE COUNTY'S CURRENT USE OF HOMELESS SPENDING.  
2 THIS MOTION WILL BE A STRATEGIC APPROACH AND CONNECT OUR  
3 HOMELESS POPULATION WITH FUNDING QUICKLY. SO THAT WAY WE CAN  
4 ADDRESS THE HOMELESS NEEDS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. LET'S FOCUS ON  
5 PREVENTATIVE AND PROACTIVE CARE AND SHIFT THE SPENDING FROM  
6 REACTIONARY CRISIS CARE. THE RE-DIRECTION OF COUNTY GENERAL  
7 FUNDS WILL PROVIDE IMMEDIATE RELIEF SERVICES. SO I SUPPORT  
8 THIS SMART TARGETED FUNDING. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT WITNESS, THANK YOU.

11

12 **ANDREW QUINONES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRWOMAN AND PEOPLE OF THE  
13 BOARD. MY NAME IS ANDREW QUINONES. I'M EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF  
14 THE INLAND VALLEY VOLUNTEER AND RESOURCE CENTER IN CITY OF  
15 POMONA. TODAY I'M HERE WITH A NUMBER OF YOUTH, ABOUT 80 YOUNG  
16 PEOPLE FROM THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS?

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** CAN THEY STAND UP WHO'S HERE. ALL  
19 RIGHT, COOL. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE] S.G.V. IN THE HOUSE.

20

21 **ANDREW QUINONES:** TODAY WE ARE TAKING THE DAY OFF WORK SITES  
22 AND SCHOOL TO PARTICIPATE IN CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SO THAT WE MAY  
23 ALSO LEND OUR SUPPORT TO SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION FOR A  
24 STRATEGIC APPROACH TO LOOK AT THE COUNTY'S CURRENT SPENDING  
25 HOMELESS FUND. ONE OF THE RISING POPULATIONS IN HOMELESSNESS



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1 INCLUDE OUR YOUTH, AND WE DIRECTLY WORK WITH MANY YOUTH WITHIN  
2 THE EAST SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, AND WE WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE  
3 IT IF WE HAD A CLEAR AND STRATEGIC MODEL SO THAT WE CAN  
4 CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUES THAT AFFECT OUR COMMUNITIES  
5 TODAY. AND WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.  
6 AND US YOUNG PEOPLE, THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION  
7 CORPS, YOUTH BUILD CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE TO DO  
8 OUR CIVIC DUTY IN HELPING ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

11

12 **JOSEPH LYONS:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. MY NAME IS JOSEPH  
13 LYONS, A CLAREMONT RESIDENT, CITY COUNCILPERSON, CHAIR OF SAN  
14 GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT'S HOMELESS COMMITTEE AND  
15 MEMBER OF THE S.C.A.G. COMMUNITY HOUSING AND ECONOMIC  
16 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. IN ADDITION, I AM A LIFELONG ADVOCATE  
17 FOR THE HOMELESS AND CURRENTLY SIT ON BOARDS OF TRI-CITY  
18 MENTAL HEALTH CENTER AND INLAND VALLEY RECOVERY SERVICES, BOTH  
19 OF WHICH DEAL WITH THE TWO MOST COMMONLY CO-OCCURRING MEDICAL  
20 CONDITIONS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS, NAMELY  
21 MENTAL ILLNESS AND DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTION. I WOULD BEGIN  
22 BY THANKING AND ADDRESSING THIS MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE AND THE  
23 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE MOTIONS, BOTH MOTIONS BUT  
24 PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION TODAY. ALTHOUGH I DO SO  
25 AT SOME AMBIVALENCE. IT IS DONE WITH THE CERTAINTY PROVIDED



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1 THROUGH DIRECT EXPERIENCE WITH THIS ISSUE ON BOTH A PERSONAL  
2 VOLUNTEER AND PROFESSIONAL LEVEL AND THE OVERRIDING NEED TO  
3 GET IT RIGHT WHEN IT COMES TO EXPANDING THE LIMITED--  
4 EXPENDING THE LIMITED RESOURCES TO DEAL WITH THE ENTIRE  
5 SPECTRUM OF HOMELESSNESS FROM FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN WHO  
6 STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE THEIR CHILDREN WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO  
7 ESCAPE POVERTY AND EITHER REAL OR IMPENDING HOMELESSNESS TO  
8 THE SINGLE MEN AND WOMEN WHO ARE TRANSIENTLY EMPLOYED AND  
9 EXPERIENCE PERIODS OF HOMELESSNESS, TO THE CHRONICALLY  
10 UNSHELTERED WHO PRESENT THE GREATEST CHALLENGE TO THOSE WHO  
11 ARE MOVED TO SERVE THESE SOMETIMES DIFFICULT TO LOVED MEMBERS  
12 OF OUR HUMAN FAMILY. I HAD CAUSE RECENTLY TO READ THE HOUSING  
13 ELEMENT OF OUR CITY GENERAL PLAN. AND IN IT SAYS, IN RECENT  
14 YEARS, RECOGNIZING THAT AFFORDABLE HOUSING CANNOT BE PROVIDED  
15 BY THE MARKET, LOCAL JURISDICTIONS USE A VARIETY OF MECHANISMS  
16 TO FACILITATE AND ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE  
17 HOUSING. I WAS STRUCK BY HOW EASY IT WOULD BE TO SUBSTITUTE  
18 HEALTHCARE TO THE POOR AND HOMELESS AS ONE OF THOSE SOCIAL  
19 PROBLEMS THAT COULD NOT BE ADDRESSED BY THE MARKET DESPITE THE  
20 FACT THAT THE MARKET IS IN ITS ALL CONSUMING PERVASIVENESS IS  
21 THE CAUSE OF THE INEQUITIES THAT LEAD TO HOMELESSNESS AND MANY  
22 OF THE OTHER SOCIAL MALADIES OF HUMANITY. THAT SAID, YOU ARE  
23 TASKED WITH EXPENDING PUBLIC FUNDS IN THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAY.  
24 I ASK THAT YOU DO THIS. AND AFTER FINDING OUT HOW MONEYS ARE  
25 CURRENTLY BEING SPENT, THAT YOU USE GOOD JUDGMENT IN ADOPTING



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1 AN EXPENDITURE FORMULA THAT REALIZES THE GREATEST GOOD AND THE  
2 COURAGE TO DEMAND THAT THE MARKET, WHICH IS THE RECIPIENT OF  
3 THESE EXPENDITURES, IS CHARGED WITH PROVIDING EFFECTIVE COST  
4 CONTAINING MECHANISMS TO EARN THE RIGHT TO SERVE THE MOST  
5 NEEDY AND VULNERABLE.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING OUT.  
8 NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **JOSEPH GONZALES:** HI MY NAME IS JOSEPH GONZALES. I AM A CITY  
11 COUNCILMEMBER FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH EL MONTE AND ALSO A MEMBER  
12 OF THE COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS FOR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. THE CITY  
13 OF SOUTH EL MONTE BORDERS THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY-- I'M SORRY,  
14 THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER AND THE RIO HONDO RIVER WHERE HUNDREDS  
15 OF HOMELESS LIVE. OUR CITY'S LOCAL MOTELS ALSO SERVED AS  
16 TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR MANY OF THE FAMILIES WITHOUT PERMANENT  
17 HOUSING. OUR SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT IS  
18 WILLING AND ABLE TO WORK THE COUNTY IN PRIORITIZING FUNDS FOR  
19 OUR MEMBER CITIES. I BELIEVE THAT WE DO NEED TO EVALUATE HOW  
20 THE COUNTY SPENDS THEIR MONEY AND HOW BETTER TO SPEND SERVICES  
21 FOR HOMELESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. ALTHOUGH THERE IS A DESIRE TO  
22 FIGHT HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES, THERE IS LACK OF  
23 RESOURCES. AND WE AGREE THAT THE L.A. COUNTY NEEDS TO EVALUATE  
24 ON HOW TO SPEND THESE FUNDS AND HOPEFULLY COME UP WITH SOME



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1 BETTER IDEAS ON HOW TO GET THE MONEY OUT TO THE SAN GABRIEL  
2 VALLEY COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. THE NEXT PANEL  
5 SPEAKERS ARE JOHN MANULIS. MARIO FUENTES. RABBI JONATHAN  
6 KLEIN. CHRIS KO. MR. MANULIS.

7

8 **JOHN MANULIS:** YES, HELLO, MADAME CHAIR AND BOARD. THANK YOU  
9 FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. MY NAME IS JOHN MANULIS. I SPEAK  
10 TODAY IN SUPPORT OF THE SO-CALLED MILLIONAIRES TAX, AND THE  
11 FIGHT TO SUSTAIN AND END-- THE FIGHT AGAINST CHRONIC  
12 HOMELESSNESS. I GREW UP PRIVILEGED IN LOS ANGELES,  
13 ECONOMICALLY AND IN SO MANY OTHER WAYS. I WENT TO COLLEGE IN  
14 BOSTON. I WORKED AND LIVED IN NEW YORK. AND I MOVED BACK TO  
15 L.A. WHERE I LIVE TODAY. OUTSIDE OF WORK, I SERVE ON THE  
16 BOARDS OF THE LIBERTY HILL FOUNDATION AND THE GETTY HOUSE  
17 FOUNDATION. LIBERTY HILL WAS FOUNDED BY A GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS  
18 WHO INHERITED SIGNIFICANT WEALTH AND DECIDED THAT THEY FELT AN  
19 OBLIGATION TO EXPEND RESOURCES IN SUPPORT OF PEOPLE WHO WERE  
20 MARGINALIZED IN OUR SOCIETY. AS AN ENTREPRENEUR AND A  
21 PRODUCER, I LIKE TO GET THINGS DONE AND I'VE ALWAYS SUBSCRIBED  
22 TO LIBERTY HILLS' MANTRA OF CHANGE NOT CHARITY. I'VE BEEN  
23 GUIDED BY THAT IN MY PHILANTHROPY. I SEE PHILANTHROPY AS AN  
24 INVESTMENT IN SOLVING PROBLEMS RATHER THAN A CONTRIBUTION TO  
25 SALVE THOSE PROBLEMS. I'VE HAD BETTER AND WORSE YEARS BUT I'VE





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1 ALWAYS HAD A ROOF OVER MY HEAD AND NUTRITIOUS FOOD AND ACCESS  
2 TO MEDICINE AND THE BASIC STABILITY TO SEEK AND SECURE AND  
3 HOLD EMPLOYMENT. I BELIEVE THE CONDITION OF HOMELESSNESS IS AN  
4 INSULT TO HUMANITY, THAT NOT ONLY UNDERMINES THE POTENTIAL OF  
5 OUR SOCIETY BUT THAT OF OUR ECONOMY, AS WELL. AS POWERFUL A  
6 STATEMENT AS WAS JOHN F. KENNEDY'S "ASK NOT WHAT YOUR COUNTRY  
7 CAN DO FOR YOU, ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR YOUR COUNTRY," IT IS  
8 APPROPRIATELY BALANCED BY ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S STATEMENT OF  
9 "GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE."  
10 A SOCIETY IS ONLY AS GOOD AS ITS GOVERNMENT IS JUST AND ONLY  
11 AS STRONG AS ITS PEOPLE ARE EMPOWERED. ON A SOCIAL AND  
12 ECONOMIC FRONT, SOCIETY WILL BE HEALTHIER AND MORE PRODUCTIVE  
13 IF WE CAN END THE SCOURGE OF CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS. MORALLY, WE  
14 ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO HELP THOSE AMONG US WHO ARE  
15 SUFFERING OR STRUGGLING. BUT THOSE WHO ARE THE MOST WELL OFF  
16 AMONG US, THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FAVORED BY LIFE OR UPBRINGING OR  
17 OPPORTUNITY OR EFFORT OR LUCK HAVE A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP TO  
18 THOSE THAT HAVE THE LEAST POWERFUL, THE MOST FRAGILE.  
19 SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE HAVE A SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE THE  
20 WORLD A BETTER PLACE AND NOT JUST TAKE FROM IT. THAT'S WHAT  
21 CARRIE UNDERWOOD SAID AND A GREAT MANY WEALTHY PEOPLE I KNOW  
22 AGREE WITH HER. THE WORDS "THERE BUT FOR THE GRACE OF GOD GO  
23 I" RESONATE POWERFULLY IN THAT CONTEXT.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2     **JOHN MANULIS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

3

4     **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6     **CHRIS KO:** HI, SUPERVISORS. CHRIS KO, WITH THE UNITED WAY OF  
7 GREATER LOS ANGELES. I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THE SAME  
8 SPIRIT THAT YOU PRESENTED BOTH PACKAGES OF MOTIONS TODAY. I  
9 THINK THEY'RE IMPORTANT BECAUSE THEY BOTH SPEAK TO THE  
10 RESOURCES NEEDED AND THE URGENCY WITH WHICH WE NEED TO WORK ON  
11 IT. THAT'S THE SAME. HOME FOR GOOD HAS TAKEN ITS JOURNEY OVER  
12 THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS, AS WELL. I THINK WHEN WE STARTED, WE  
13 WERE ESPECIALLY KEYED IN ON THE EFFICIENCIES NEEDED AND THE  
14 THINGS WE NEEDED TO DO TO TARGET THESE RESOURCES. AS WE'VE  
15 DONE IT, WE'VE ALSO REALIZED THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE FOR THE  
16 ADDITIONAL RESOURCES NEEDED TO TARGET THIS POPULATION.  
17 SOMETIMES IT TAKES MONEY TO SAVE MONEY. I THINK WE'RE AT THE  
18 POINT WHERE ALL THE STUDIES WE'VE DONE CLEARLY INDICATE THAT.  
19 AND I THINK THE OTHER THING WE WANT TO POINT OUT IS THAT WE  
20 DO-- INCREASING OUR LOCAL FUNDING, NEED EVERY SEGMENT AND  
21 EVERY PIECE. THE GAP FUNDING THAT'S ILLUSTRATED BY THE  
22 C.E.O.'S REPORT SHOWS THAT IF WE HAVE THE STATE, THE FEDERAL,  
23 THE LOCAL, AND EVEN THE CITY DOLLARS WE CAN ALL END THIS  
24 PROBLEM TOGETHER. AND WE HAVE SYSTEMS LIKE THE COORDINATED  
25 ENTRY SYSTEM FOR SINGLE ADULTS AND NOW YOUTH AND THE FAMILY



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1 SOLUTION SYSTEM. WE'VE CREATED TOGETHER TO ACTUALLY DISTRIBUTE  
2 THESE RESOURCES IN EQUITABLE WAYS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. SO WE  
3 DO APPRECIATE THE URGENCY ON BOTH EFFORTS. AND WE THINK IT IS  
4 IMPORTANT THAT WE MOVE FORWARD TOGETHER AND QUICKLY. AND THAT  
5 WE PRESERVE OUR HIGHEST POLLING OPTION, AT LEAST WITH THE  
6 STATE. AS LEADERS, SOMETIMES WE WORK TO BUILD UP MOVEMENTS AND  
7 OTHER TIMES THE MOVEMENT FINDS YOU. IF YOU LOOK OUT AT THIS  
8 CROWD, THE MOVEMENT IS HERE. WE ASK FOR THE BOARD-- SO WE  
9 THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP AND ASK FOR THAT  
10 CONTINUED LEADERSHIP TO LEAD US ON TO SECURE THE RESOURCES  
11 NEEDED TO END HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO ALSO CALL UP ANDRE  
14 QUINTERO

15

16 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN WITH CLERGY, LAITY  
17 UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE, AND ALSO SPEAKING WITH THE  
18 REMARKS OF MY COLLEAGUE RABBI DR. ARYEH COHEN WHO JUST LEFT.  
19 HE THOUGHT 150 SPEAKERS WAS A RATHER LENGTHY BUNCH. BUT HE  
20 WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT HE, LIKE C.L.U.E., GO ON RECORD AS  
21 SUPPORTING THIS GREAT MOMENT OF PARTNERSHIP AND COLLABORATION  
22 TO FINALLY ADDRESS THE REAL CHALLENGES THAT THIS COMMUNITY HAS  
23 FACED FOR FAR TOO LONG. AND WANTED TO FURTHERMORE SAY THAT  
24 BOTH ITEMS 1 AND 5 ARE A GREAT COLLABORATION, A GREAT MOMENT  
25 IN THE WAY GOVERNMENT IS WORKING AND THE PARTNERSHIPS THAT



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1 HAVE BEEN FORMED AMONG THE SUPERVISORS TO CREATE GOOD, SMART  
2 SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS. VERY LITTLE TO ADD OTHER THAN THAT  
3 WE AS A FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY, C.L.U.E. AND THE FAITH LEADERS  
4 THAT ARE REPRESENTED FROM ALL STREAMS AND VARIETIES, HAVE BEEN  
5 WATCHING THE CHALLENGES OF HOMELESSNESS AND THE PAINFUL  
6 STRUGGLES OF PEOPLE IN OUR CONGREGATIONS WHO ARE FACING SUCH  
7 DIRE CIRCUMSTANCES AND HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS. AND WE  
8 JUST WANT TO COMMEND YOU FROM TAKING THIS GREAT STEP FORWARD  
9 AND ADDRESSING THIS, ESPECIALLY UNDERSTANDING HOW RACE AND  
10 CLASS ARE IMPACTED BY THIS ISSUE, AS WELL. WE NEED TO CALL  
11 THAT OUT AND RECOGNIZE THAT THIS IS ALSO A STEP FORWARD FOR  
12 NOT JUST ECONOMIC JUSTICE BUT ALSO FOR RACIAL JUSTICE. AND  
13 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND COMMITMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF. WE'RE INSPIRED. THANK  
16 YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

17

18 **ANDRE QUINTERO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, AM CHAIR, ANDRE QUINTERO,  
19 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE. I'VE HAD THE HONOR OF BEING  
20 HERE A FEW TIMES. ACTUALLY I'VE BEEN IN OFFICE FOR SIX YEARS.  
21 I'VE SPENT THE MOST TIME COMING TO THIS BOARD OVER THE LAST  
22 YEAR. AND I GOT TO TELL YOU: IT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT THIS COUNTY  
23 IS DOING. IT'S A VERY EXCITING TIME. I SUPPORT OBVIOUSLY THE  
24 MOTIONS. I APPRECIATE THE WORK AND COLLABORATION THAT'S BEING  
25 DONE BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. IN TERMS OF THIS ASSESSMENT



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1 REGARDING HOMELESSNESS, IT'S GREAT THAT ALL THE DEPARTMENTS  
2 ARE WORKING TOGETHER. IT'S SO IMPORTANT, SO CRITICAL THEY WORK  
3 TOGETHER. I WEAR ANOTHER HAT. I'M A DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY FOR  
4 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND A PROSECUTOR. SO I GET TO SEE IN  
5 THE COURTROOM EVERY DAY IN AN ARRAIGNMENT COURT, PEOPLE ARE  
6 HAVING MANY CHALLENGES REGARDLESS HOMELESSNESS. PEOPLE  
7 MENTALLY ILL, THEY'RE HAVING HOMELESSNESS. THERE'S SO MANY  
8 THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT THAT THE DEPARTMENTS COLLABORATE. I  
9 ALSO WANT TO SAY HOW MUCH I APPRECIATE THAT THIS COUNTY HAS  
10 TAKEN THE ROLE OF PARTNERSHIP WITH CITIES. WE HAVE 88 CITIES  
11 IN OUR COUNTY AND I DEFINITELY FEEL THAT SENSE OF SUPPORT AND  
12 PARTNERSHIP SO THAT WE CAN LEVERAGE OUR RESOURCES TOGETHER AND  
13 TRY TO FIND THE BEST POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS. RECENTLY WE BUILT  
14 ABOUT 132 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND WE RECEIVED 3,000  
15 APPLICANTS FOR THOSE 132 UNITS. WE NEED TO PROVIDE HOUSING AND  
16 IT IS A CRISIS, IT IS A MORAL IMPERATIVE OF OUR DAY. SO WE ARE  
17 OBVIOUSLY VERY PROUD OF THE WORK BEING DONE BY THE COUNTY. WE  
18 SUPPORT THESE MOTIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO ALL OF YOU FOR  
19 YOUR LEADERSHIP.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GREAT. WE HAVE A SERIES OF OTHER  
22 SPEAKERS. STEVE RENAHAN. MARSHA TEMPLE. SWEET ALICE. MIKE  
23 ALVIDREZ, AND ERICK VEGA. LOLA SMALLWOOD CUEVAS. AND BECKY  
24 DENNISON. JUST GO AHEAD AND STATE YOUR NAME AND WE'LL GET  
25 STARTED.



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2 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** GOOD MORNING, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I AM  
3 MARSHA TEMPLE, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTEGRATED  
4 RECOVERY NETWORK. HOWEVER WE COUNT, QUALIFY OR QUESTION IT,  
5 ANYONE WORKING OR VISITING THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CAN SEE  
6 THE HORROR OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND CIVIL RIGHTS CRISIS THAT  
7 IS SPREAD OUT ON THE SIDEWALKS OF LOS ANGELES. IT IS EXACTLY  
8 THE BREAKDOWN OF SOCIETY STRETCHED OUT BEFORE OUR VERY EYES  
9 NOW. WE MUST DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER TO END THIS CRISIS.  
10 WHEN THE NEXT GENERATION ASKS US THOSE WITH THE POWER TO  
11 CHANGE POLICY, AND THOSE OF US WITH THE PRIVILEGE TO ADDRESS  
12 YOU, WHAT DID WE DO? WE SHOULD ANSWER: WE DID EVERYTHING IN  
13 OUR POWER AND MORE. WE WENT BEYOND OUR POWER TO GET THE  
14 NECESSARY RESOURCES TO END THIS CRISIS. AND AS WE HAVE HEARD,  
15 THE COST OF DOING NOTHING IS TOO HIGH, BOTH TERMS OF FUNDING  
16 AN AND HUMAN MISERY. I SUPPORT GLADLY BOTH MOTIONS. THANK YOU  
17 VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SWEET ALICE.

20

21 **SWEET ALICE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE FOR ME TO  
22 COME HERE AND MEET AND SEE SO MANY PEOPLE WORKING. WE COULDN'T  
23 DO MUCH WITHOUT YOU ALL. WE MIGHT NOT SEE YOU BUT WE DO KNOW  
24 YOU'RE HERE. AND WE KNOW WHEN WE NEED YOU WE CAN COME HERE.  
25 AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE HOMELESS. I AM SO PROUD THAT WE





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1 DON'T HAVE TO SAY PLEASE BECAUSE YOU'VE ALREADY DONE IT. AND  
2 I'M SO PROUD. YOU CAN ALWAYS REMEMBER WHO YOU'RE WORKING FOR.  
3 IT'S IN THE BIBLE NOW. WHATEVER YOU DO FOR THE LEAST ONES OUT  
4 THERE, GOD SAYS YOU'RE WORKING FOR ME AND I'LL PAY YOU. I'M  
5 GLAD YOU DIDN'T LET GOD DOWN THIS TIME, WORKING FOR HIM, AND I  
6 WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THAT. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SWEET ALICE:** AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT WE'RE WORKING HARD  
11 OUT THERE. WE JUST GOT 32 HOMELESS MEN, TRAINED THEM AND THEY  
12 ARE FIRE EXTINGUISHING TECHNICIANS. WENT TO SACRAMENTO, TOOK  
13 THE TEST AND PASSED IT. YOU SEE JUST BECAUSE THEY'RE MENTALLY  
14 ILL DON'T MEAN THEY'RE CRAZY. THEY'RE STRESSED OUT OVER  
15 SOMETHING THEY CAN'T DO NOTHING ABOUT AND IT CAN KILL THEM. WE  
16 LEARNED THAT BECAUSE I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THEM A LONG, ABOUT  
17 33 YEARS I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE HOMELESS. YOU HAVE TO  
18 TRAIN THEM. GET THEM ON JOBS. AND THEN THEY CAN PAY SOME OF  
19 THE MONEY BACK THAT WE NEED NOW. BUT WE NEED THE MONEY NOW. WE  
20 GOING TO HELP GET THE MONEY BACK. DON'T EVEN WORRY ABOUT IT.  
21 WE'RE GOING TO DO THAT. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF. RAISE THE ROOF. ALL  
24 RIGHT. OKAY. NEXT SPEAKER.

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1 **STEVE RENAHAN:** MADAME CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS STEVE  
2 RENAHAN. I WORK FOR SHELTER PARTNERSHIP HERE IN LOS ANGELES.  
3 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN FEBRUARY IN PASSING  
4 A COMPREHENSIVE SET OF STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS  
5 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. AND THANK YOU EVEN MORE FOR TODAY,  
6 BEGINNING THE HEAVY LIFTING OF PROVIDING THE RESOURCES THAT  
7 ARE NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THOSE STRATEGIES. WE SUPPORT BOTH  
8 MOTIONS AND THE AMENDMENT. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THE FURTHER  
9 STUDY OF COUNTY SPENDING ON HOMELESSNESS WILL GENERATE ONE  
10 FINDING, THAT WHEN WE ALLOW INDIVIDUALS TO REMAIN ON THE  
11 STREET, IN THE PARKS, IN THE RIVER BANKS FOR YEARS AND EVEN  
12 DECADES, MANY OF THEM DEVELOP CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS WHICH  
13 ARE VERY EXPENSIVE TO TREAT IN VERY EXPENSIVE HOSPITAL BEDS.  
14 AND THE SOLUTION OF COURSE WILL BE TO PRODUCE PERMANENT  
15 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING TO HOUSE THOSE PEOPLE BEFORE THEY DEVELOP  
16 THE CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS THAT ARE SO EXPENSIVE TO TREAT.  
17 SO IT IS WONDERFUL THAT TODAY YOU'RE NOT ONLY EMBARKING ON  
18 FURTHER STUDY OF THE COUNTY SPENDING BUT ALSO PURSUING THE  
19 RESOURCES NECESSARY TO FUND THESE STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AT A  
20 LEVEL COMMENSURATE WITH THE PROBLEM. THANK YOU.

21  
22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

23  
24 **LOLA SMALLWOOD CUEVAS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS LOLA SMALLWOOD  
25 CUEVAS. I AM CO-FOUNDER OF THE LOS ANGELES BLACK WORKER CENTER



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1 AND A COMMISSIONER FOR THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD. IT'S  
2 AN HONOR TO BE HERE WITH YOU TODAY, AND I'M ECSTATIC THAT WE  
3 HAVE THESE TWO ITEMS, ITEM 1 AND ITEM 5, THAT WILL ADDRESS THE  
4 ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. THE BLACK WORKER CENTER IS FOCUSED ON  
5 DEALING WITH THE JOBS CRISIS IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND IN THIS  
6 COUNTY, YOU MAY NOT KNOW THAT 50 PERCENT OF BLACK WORKING AGE  
7 ADULTS ARE EITHER UNEMPLOYED IN THIS COUNTY OR WORKING IN LOW-  
8 WAGE JOBS. AND WE KNOW TOO OFTEN THAT THE ECONOMY BREAKS DOWN  
9 ON THE STREETS AND PARK BENCHES OF OUR CITIES AND OUR TOWNS.  
10 THIS MOTION, THESE TWO MOTIONS, GO A LONG WAY TO SOLVING THAT  
11 CRISIS AND PUTTING FORTH SYSTEMIC, LONG TERM, SUSTAINABLE  
12 SOLUTIONS. THIS IS NOT A ONE TIME FIX. THIS IS NOT A ONE VOTE  
13 FIX. THESE PROBLEMS WEREN'T MADE YESTERDAY. THEY'RE LONG,  
14 THEY'RE DEEP, AS DEEP AND WIDE AS THE BLACK JOBS CRISIS IN  
15 THIS COUNTY. AND WE APPRECIATE THE COLLABORATION, THE WORK OF  
16 THIS BOARD TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. I AM HERE TO SAY THANK YOU  
17 ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERS, LIKE DANTE, A SKILLED CONSTRUCTION  
18 WORKER, WHO HAD TO LIVE IN HIS CAR FOR SEVEN MONTHS AS HE WAS  
19 TRYING TO WORK AT A SCHOOL THAT WAS BEING BUILT RIGHT DOWN THE  
20 STREET FROM WHERE HIS VAN WAS PARKED. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF  
21 OUR MEMBERS WHO HAD EXPERIENCED WAGE THEFT AND HAD HER CHECK  
22 NOT BE PAID AND HER RENT MONEY TAKEN OUT OF HER ACCOUNT. AND  
23 BECAUSE IT HAPPENED SO OFTEN, SHE WAS EVICTED FROM HER  
24 APARTMENT, AND WE HAD TO FIND EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR HER AND  
25 HER TWO SONS. I'M HERE FOR THE MOTHER AND HER TWO CHILDREN WHO



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1 CAME TO THE WORKER CENTER WITH THEIR BAGS, THEIR CLOTHING IN  
2 WAL-MART BAGS ASKING "WHAT CAN WE DO?" BECAUSE UNEMPLOYMENT  
3 HAD RUN OUT, THE EVICTION PROCESS HAD ENDED, AND SHE WAS ON  
4 OUR DOOR STEPS WITH NO WHERE TO GO. THIS IS ABOUT REAL PEOPLE.  
5 THIS IS ABOUT REAL LIVES. AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH  
6 YOU ON THESE REAL SOLUTIONS COLLECTIVELY AND TOGETHER. THANK  
7 YOU.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND WE ARE TRYING TO  
10 COMBAT WAGE THEFT. THIS BOARD HAS TAKEN POSITIVE ACTION ON  
11 THAT. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SERVICE. NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **LOLA SMALLWOOD CUEVAS:** THANK YOU.

14

15 **ERICK VEGA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR. MAYOR, SUPERVISOR  
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME'S ERICK VERDUZCO  
17 VEGA. I'M THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF THE SOUTH BAY LATINO  
18 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. OUR CHAMBER REPRESENTS ROUGHLY 300 SMALL  
19 BUSINESSES THROUGHOUT THE SOUTH BAY REGION OF LOS ANGELES  
20 COUNTY. OUR MEMBERS ARE HISPANIC OWNED BUSINESSES, MOSTLY  
21 SMALL ONES. WE ARE VERY INTERESTED IN ECONOMIC GROWTH AND JOB  
22 CREATION THAT NOT ONLY BENEFITS OUR COMPANIES BUT ALSO BENEFIT  
23 OUR COMMUNITIES. ON BEHALF OF OUR MEMBERSHIP AND AS A SMALL  
24 BUSINESS OWNER MYSELF, I'M HERE TO WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THE  
25 ITEMS BEFORE YOU, ITEMS 1 AND 5. OUR SUPPORT IS NOT ONLY A



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1 MATTER OF ECONOMICS. WE SUPPORT THIS ITEM BECAUSE IT'S MORALLY  
2 THE RIGHT THING TO DO. YOU KNOW, CURRENT ECONOMIC STUDIES HAVE  
3 FOUND THAT THE EFFECT OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE WITH SUPPORTIVE  
4 CARE IS ROUGHLY A 79 PERCENT REDUCTION IN PUBLIC COSTS FOR  
5 THESE RESIDENTS, TO HELP THESE PEOPLE THAT REALLY NEED THE  
6 HELP. THE PUBLIC COST OF THESE TYPE OF SERVICES ALSO INCREASED  
7 TREMENDOUSLY AS HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS GROW OLDER. BESIDES MY  
8 WORK WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, I ALSO HAVE THE PLEASURE OF  
9 HAVING SERVED ON THE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR ROUGHLY  
10 FOUR YEARS NOW. I CURRENTLY SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD.  
11 AND ALL OF THE INTEL THAT I'VE HEARD FROM SITTING ON THIS  
12 BOARD IS THAT THE LONGER PEOPLE STAY UNEMPLOYED, THE MORE  
13 DIFFICULT IT WILL BE FOR THEM TO FIND EMPLOYMENT. THE LONGER  
14 FOLKS REMAINED HOMELESS, THE HARDER IT WILL BE FOR THEM TO GET  
15 OUT OF SUCH TOUGH AND DIRE SITUATIONS. WE SUPPORT YOU. WE'RE  
16 WITH YOU. WE WILL DO WHATEVER WE CAN TO WORK WITH YOU TO HELP  
17 COMBAT THE HOMELESS SITUATION FOR FOLKS HERE IN LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

19  
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

21  
22 **BECKY DENNISON:** GOOD MORNING, I'M BECKY DENNISON WITH VENICE  
23 COMMUNITY HOUSING. I ALSO AM IN SUPPORT OF BOTH MOTIONS AND  
24 THE AMENDMENT AND REALLY APPLAUD THE LEADERSHIP OF ALL OF YOU  
25 FOR COMING TOGETHER TODAY SO THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD. I DO



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1 JUST WANT TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS ABOUT THE VAST NEED. I  
2 KNOW YOU ALL HEAR ABOUT THE SUCCESS OF MANY OF THE COUNTY  
3 PROGRAMS THAT HAVE COME ONLINE. AND THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL AND  
4 THEY ARE DOING GREAT THINGS. BUT THE NEED OUTWEIGHS THE ACCESS  
5 TO THOSE PROGRAMS BY 10, 20, 30, 40 TIMES FOLD. AND I CAN JUST  
6 YOU THAT WE HAVE TO SAY NO SO MANY MORE TIMES THAN WE CAN EVER  
7 SAY YES THAT WE CAN HELP YOU. THAT THE SCALE OF THE PROBLEM  
8 DEMANDS THE TYPE OF INVESTMENT THAT THE MILLIONAIRES TAX COULD  
9 BRING US AND MORE AFTER THAT. SO NO MATTER WHAT WE FIND IN THE  
10 STUDY-- AND I HOPE WE DO FIND WAYS TO REDIRECT FUNDS MORE  
11 EFFICIENTLY-- WE WILL NEED MORE. WE ARE LOOKING AT 30 YEARS OF  
12 SUBSTANTIVE CUTS TO HOUSING PROGRAMS IN THE SOCIAL SAFETY NET.  
13 THERE IS NO WAY TO MAKE PROGRESS AT THE SCALE THAT IS NEEDED  
14 UNTIL WE MOVE INITIATIVES LIKE THIS FORWARD AND MORE AFTER  
15 THAT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

18

19 **MIKE ALVEDREZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MIKE ALVEDREZ WITH THE SKID  
20 ROW HOUSING TRUST. I WANT TO COMMEND THE BOARD ON ITS  
21 LEADERSHIP THIS MORNING TO MOVE FORWARD BOTH MEASURES. I'M  
22 ALSO EXTREMELY HAPPY TO BE HERE WITH SO MANY PEOPLE ACROSS THE  
23 COUNTY WHO ARE HERE TO EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THIS VERY  
24 IMPORTANT SITUATION THAT FACES EACH AND EVERY COMMUNITY IN THE  
25 COUNTY. I THINK THAT-- AND I JUST MIGHT REALLY ALSO ADD, I





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1 APPRECIATE THE PRESENTATIONS BY THE STAFF AND BY THE  
2 CONSULTANTS BUT I SEE THIS AS A MOMENT IN TIME TO HAVE THE  
3 COUNTY COORDINATE ITS OWN EFFORTS WITH THOSE OF THE CITY AND  
4 THE STATE. WE ARE ON THE RIGHT TRACK. I THINK WE ARE AT A  
5 MOMENT IN TIME WHEN WE CAN REALLY MAKE SOME SUBSTANTIAL  
6 PROGRESS IN ELIMINATING, ERADICATING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS  
7 IN OUR COUNTY FOR EVERY PERSON WHO IS HOMELESS. I WANT TO  
8 THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE LEADERSHIP AND THE ADDITIONAL COMMENTS  
9 AND FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS THAT HAVE COME FROM THE BOARD TODAY  
10 AND I'M VERY HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN MOVE FORWARD AND I WILL YIELD  
11 THE REST OF THE TIME TO MY COLLEAGUES IN THE AUDIENCE. THANK  
12 YOU.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. VERY  
15 APPRECIATED. NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL UP JERRY VELASCO AND ALSO  
16 MIKE GOMEZ. AND TED KNOLL. AND HERB-- I THINK WE HEARD FROM  
17 HERB. AND DAVE PILON.

18

19 **MIKE GOMEZ.:** GOOD AFTERNOON, OR GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF  
20 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MIKE GOMEZ. I GOT TO TELL YOU THAT  
21 IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE TODAY. THE FIRST TIME THAT I'VE HAD  
22 A CHANCE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. MY NAME IS MIKE GOMEZ. I AM A  
23 COMMISSIONER ON THE CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMISSION. SUPERVISOR  
24 SOLIS'S APPOINTEE. I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF SCREEN ACTORS GUILD  
25 AND THE FEDERATION OF TELEVISION AND RADIO ARTISTS AND HAVE



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1 BEEN A UNION MEMBER FOR A LONG TIME. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT BOTH  
2 MEASURES, BUT ESPECIALLY P-1. ONE OF THE MAIN THINGS THAT I  
3 SEE HERE THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO ME AND I THINK TO A LOT OF  
4 PEOPLE AS RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES IS THAT THIS PARTICULAR  
5 MEASURE CALLS FOR TRANSPARENCY. SOMETHING THAT'S VERY  
6 IMPORTANT FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND VOTERS. WE WANT TO SEE HOW OUR  
7 MONEY IS BEING SPENT. ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT \$1  
8 BILLION. AND THAT 40 PERCENT OF THAT IS BEING SPENT ON 5  
9 PERCENT OF THE HOMELESS POPULATION. TRANSPARENCY IS EVERYTHING  
10 FOR THE VOTER. AND IN THIS CASE ESPECIALLY, I THINK IT  
11 CERTAINLY WARRANTS FOR US AS A COUNTY TO TAKE A LOOK AT HOW  
12 THAT MONEY IS SPENT. IT WILL GUIDE US AS TO HOW THE MONEY WILL  
13 BE SPENT IN THE FUTURE. SO I'M IN COMPLETE SUPPORT OF THAT.  
14 THANK YOU.

15

16 **JERRY VELASCO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS JERRY VELASCO. I'M A  
17 RESIDENT OF THE DISTRICT 1. AND I'M ALSO THE CITY  
18 COUNCILMEMBER OF EL MONTE. FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK  
19 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR DUE DILIGENCE FOR  
20 INTRODUCING THIS MOTION TO EXAMINE THE COUNTY'S CURRENT USE OF  
21 HOMELESS FUNDING. THIS IS A STRATEGIC APPROACH THAT LOOKS AT  
22 HOW THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY SPENDING THEIR HOMELESS FUNDS. WE  
23 NEED TO TAKE A STEP BACK AND LOOK AT HOW WE ARE SPENDING THIS  
24 MONEY NOT ONLY NOW BUT IN THE FUTURE. I SUPPORT SMART AND  
25 TARGETED FUNDING FOR THE HOMELESS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT



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1 WE HAVE AN ACCURATE COUNT OF OUR HOMELESS. WE NEED A FULL  
2 REPORT AND DISCLOSURE OF WHERE \$1 BILLION WAS SPENT. I THINK  
3 THAT WE NEED TRANSPARENCY. WE NEED ACCOUNTABILITY. WE ALSO  
4 NEED TO KNOW HOW IT WAS SPENT SO THAT WE CAN EVEN SPEND IT  
5 BETTER, FIND OUT WHERE THE FUNDING IS NEEDED. I ALSO WANT TO  
6 THANK ALL OF YOU BECAUSE I KNOW THAT IN YOUR HEARTS, ALL OF  
7 YOU ARE IN SUPPORT OF THE ISSUE THAT WE HAVE WITH HOMELESS. WE  
8 JUST WANT TO THANK GOD THAT SOME OF US DO HAVE A ROOF OVER OUR  
9 HEADS. SO I JUST THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

12

13 **THADDEUS KNOLL:** CHAIR SOLIS, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS  
14 TED KNOLL AND I RESIDE IN UNINCORPORATED LOS ANGELES IN  
15 DISTRICT 4. AS A POINT OF REFERENCE, I SPENT FIVE YEARS IN THE  
16 ADMINISTRATION FOR S.R.O. HOUSING IN DOWNTOWN L.A. I JUST  
17 COMPLETED 15 YEARS OF SERVICE AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR  
18 WHITTIER AREA FOR STATE COALITION THAT SERVES THE HOMELESS.  
19 AND CURRENTLY ONE OF THE FOUNDING MEMBERS FOR THE WHITTIER  
20 CONSORTIUM ON HOMELESSNESS, ALSO NOW I'M A PROFESSOR AT CAL.  
21 STATE FULLERTON, CURRENTLY APPOINTED TO THE DEAN'S COMMUNITY  
22 COLLABORATIVE ON HOMELESSNESS. I'M HERE TODAY TO SPEAK  
23 AFFIRMATIVELY AND FOR BOTH MEASURES AND THAT I WANT TO TALK  
24 PARTICULARLY ABOUT THE EXAMINATION OF COUNTY FUNDS SPENT ON  
25 HOMELESSNESS. WE HAD A MEETING LAST NIGHT OF THE WHITTIER



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1 CONSORTIUM HOMELESSNESS AND IT WAS A UNANIMOUS DECISION TO  
2 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. AFTER READING THE C.E.O.'S REPORT I WAS  
3 STUNNED BY THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF FUNDS THAT ARE BEING SPENT BY  
4 THE COUNTY ON HOMELESSNESS. I ALSO REALIZE THAT THIS IS NOT  
5 THE WHOLE PICTURE. I COME FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. WHILE I  
6 REALIZE IT IS NOT FEASIBLE, I WOULD HOWEVER LOVE TO SEE THE  
7 TOTAL AMOUNT THAT'S BEING SPENT ON HOMELESSNESS WHICH INCLUDES  
8 FUNDS SPENT BY COMMUNITIES COUNTYWIDE. IF YOU INCLUDED ALL THE  
9 NONPROFIT SPENDING, LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS, LOCAL HOSPITALS  
10 AND THE FAITH COMMUNITY, YOU WOULD SEE WHAT AN EXTREMELY LARGE  
11 ISSUE WE AS CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ACTUALLY  
12 FACE. THE EAST SIDE OF THE COUNTY IS AND HAS BEEN KNOWN AS A  
13 RESOURCE DESERT. SO I RECOMMEND THAT NOT ONLY THE RESOLUTION  
14 BE PASSED BUT A COUNTYWIDE SYSTEMIC APPROACH TO SHARING OF THE  
15 RESOURCES COUNTYWIDE BE ESTABLISHED. ALSO I JUST URGE YOU TO  
16 PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND DO A GRASSROOTS EFFORT  
17 SO WE CAN HAVE A COLLABORATIVE FROM THE GROUND UP, NOT ONLY  
18 FROM THE TOP DOWN. THANK YOU.

19  
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

21  
22 **DAVE PILON:** MADAME CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME  
23 IS DAVE PILON. I'M THE C.E.O. FOR MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF LOS  
24 ANGELES. WE SERVE SOME OF THE MOST VULNERABLE AND NEEDY  
25 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY, PRIMARILY IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AND



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1 IN THE LONG BEACH AREAS. IN MY ROLE AS C.E.O., I DON'T GET OUT  
2 IN THE FIELD A LOT. BUT I WANTED TO JUST SHARE A LITTLE STORY.  
3 ABOUT 10 MONTHS AGO, I WENT OUT WITH MY TEAM WHO COMBINE  
4 PHYSICAL HEALTHCARE WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE TO TRACK HOW  
5 THEY WERE DOING, HOW THEY WERE WORKING WITH SOME OF THE FOLKS  
6 THAT WE SERVE. AND WE WENT TO A HOUSE OF A RECENTLY HOUSED  
7 MEMBER WHO HAD A WOUND ON HER LEG AND DIDN'T WANT TO GET ANY  
8 CARE FOR IT. I SAT THERE FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES WHILE I WATCHED  
9 MY STAFF WHEEDLE AND CAJOLE HER TO ACTUALLY GETTING THE CARE  
10 BECAUSE THEY KNEW THAT WITHOUT THAT CARE, SHE WOULD PROBABLY  
11 END UP IN AN E.R. AT SOME POINT AND MAY EVEN REQUIRE  
12 HOSPITALIZATION. I TELL YOU THIS STORY BECAUSE I THINK THAT  
13 GOOD CARE IS BEING PROVIDED OUT THERE THAT INTEGRATES  
14 BEHAVIORAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH AND THE COUNTY IS CURRENTLY  
15 PROVIDING THAT AND WE NEED TO EXPAND THOSE SERVICES. BUT IN  
16 TERMS OF MOTION 1, WE ALSO NEED TO HAVE TRANSPARENCY ABOUT HOW  
17 THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO  
18 ACTUALLY LOOK AT HOW WE ARE GOING TO HAVE PERFORMANCE MEASURES  
19 THAT ACTUALLY HOLD PROVIDERS ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHETHER WE'RE  
20 ACTUALLY PROVIDING THE CARE AND HELPING MOVE PEOPLE TO LOWER  
21 LEVELS OF CARE. IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRUCIAL THAT WE JUST DON'T  
22 KNOW HOW THE MONEY IS BEING SPENT BUT WE ACTUALLY ASK OUR  
23 PROVIDERS TO ACTUALLY PROVIDE EVIDENCE THAT THEY CAN ACTUALLY  
24 HELP LOWER THE COST OF SERVING PEOPLE WHILE THEY'RE HELPING  
25 THEM TO RECOVER LIVES IN THE COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL UP  
3 TAHIA HAYSLET. MEREDITH BERKSON AND MIKE ARNOLD. GO AHEAD.

4

5 **MIKE ARNOLD:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU FOR THE  
6 OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK THIS MORNING. I FIRST WANT TO THANK ALL  
7 OF YOU FOR THE EXCEPTIONAL LEADERS IN THE PAST YEAR IN  
8 RECOGNIZING AND ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS AS A SERIOUS ISSUE.  
9 I'M THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE MIDNIGHT MISSION, ONE  
10 OF THE OLDEST NON PUBLICLY FUNDED HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS  
11 IN THE SKID ROW AREA, AND THE FORMER EXECUTIVE OF THE LOS  
12 ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY. I'M ALSO A CERTIFIED  
13 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT WHO WORKED WITH ERNST AND YOUNG AND  
14 K.P.M.G., ANALYZING AND STUDYING COSTS OF CARE IN OUR  
15 HEALTHCARE SYSTEMS, BOTH LOCALLY AND NATIONALLY. THE MIDNIGHT  
16 MISSION PROVIDES EMERGENCY SHELTER AND SERVICES, SUBSTANCE USE  
17 DISORDER RECOVERY IN SKID ROW AND WE SERVE FAMILIES FLEEING  
18 FROM DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER TRAUMA IN A FACILITY IN THE  
19 SOUTH L.A.- INGLEWOOD AREA. I THINK THAT THIS RECOMMENDATION  
20 TO REALLY LOOK AT THE FUNDING AND STUDY HOW IT'S BEEN SPENT IS  
21 INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT. WE LEARNED A LONG TIME AGO IN HEALTHCARE  
22 THAT FOCUSING ON HIGH COST CASES CAN PAY HUGE DIVIDENDS IN  
23 BOTH MORE EFFECTIVE SERVICE DELIVERY AND BETTER OUTCOMES  
24 THROUGH CARE COORDINATION AND COMMUNICATION ACROSS  
25 DEPARTMENTS. PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS HAVE EVEN A MORE





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1 COMPLEX ENVIRONMENT TO UNDERSTAND THAN THOSE EVEN WITHIN THE  
2 CONFINES OF THE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM. AND A DEEP DIVE TO BETTER  
3 UNDERSTAND HOW THESE COSTS ARE BEING SPENT HOW TO BETTER AND  
4 MORE EFFECTIVELY MANAGE WHAT IS PROVIDED TO GET THE BEST  
5 OUTCOME FOR THESE HIGHLY VULNERABLE PEOPLE WILL SERVE THE  
6 COUNTY WELL. I ALSO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE THINK OF THIS  
7 AS AN AND CONVERSATION. IT'S INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TO HAVE  
8 DOLLARS AND TO BE PROVIDING THE SERVICES. AND I THINK OUR GOAL  
9 COLLECTIVELY IS THAT EVERYONE HAS A HOME TO GO HOME TO. RIGHT  
10 NOW, I THINK THE BIGGEST AREA OF CONSTIPATION IS HOUSING.  
11 THERE IS NO HOUSING AVAILABLE. WE HAVE AN ENORMOUS NEED AND I  
12 ENCOURAGE YOU ALL TO LOOK AS AN AND CONVERSATION NOT AN OR  
13 CONVERSATION.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

16

17 **MEREDITH BERKSON:** HI, MY NAME IS MEREDITH BERKSON AND I'M HERE  
18 REPRESENTING P.A.T.H. AND P.A.T.H. VENTURES. WE'RE A STATEWIDE  
19 AGENCY WHOSE PRIMARY ISSUE IS TO END HOMELESSNESS FOR  
20 INDIVIDUALS, VETERANS AND FAMILIES. I'M EXCITED TO BE HERE TO  
21 SUPPORT TWO INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN  
22 L.A. COUNTY IN THE LONG TERM. THE LEADERSHIP OF THE BOARD HAS  
23 BEEN CRITICAL TO DRAWING THE NECESSARY ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE  
24 OF HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY AND MOTIONS 1 AND 5 FURTHER  
25 DEMONSTRATE THE UNPRECEDENTED DEDICATION AND PASSION THIS



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1 BOARD HAS SHOWN TOWARD ENDING HOMELESSNESS. MOTION 1  
2 RECOGNIZES THE NEED FOR TARGETED SERVICES FOR THE MOST  
3 VULNERABLE LIVING ON THE STREETS, AND WE AGREE THAT DIRECTING  
4 RESOURCES TO THE TOP 5 PERCENT OF COUNTY SERVICE UTILIZERS  
5 WOULD RESULT IN COST SAVINGS AND IMPROVEMENT IN THE LIFE  
6 EXPECTANCY AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS LIVING ON  
7 THE STREETS. ENGAGEMENT OF THESE INDIVIDUALS, THOUGH, TAKES UP  
8 FRONT SPENDING ON STAFFING, INTENSE AMOUNT OF TIME TO LOCATE  
9 AND RELOCATE INDIVIDUALS, TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS AND TRUST  
10 WITH THEM AND ONGOING FUNDING IS NECESSARY TO HELP THESE  
11 INDIVIDUALS MAINTAIN THEIR HOUSING. MOTION 5 WOULD HELP TO  
12 ENSURE THAT THIS FUNDING IS AVAILABLE. TOGETHER, THESE TWO  
13 MOTIONS, MOTIONS 1 AND 5, HELP TO ENSURE THAT A MULTIPRONGED  
14 APPROACH THAT IS NECESSARY TO SCALE UP OUR EFFORT TO END  
15 HOMELESSNESS IN L.A. COUNTY CAN BE SECURED. AND I WANT TO  
16 THANK THE BOARD AGAIN FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND FOR CREATING  
17 THESE INNOVATIVE STRATEGIES THAT WILL HELP TO END  
18 HOMELESSNESS.

19  
20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. NEXT  
21 SPEAKER.

22  
23 **TAHIA HAYSLET:** TAHIA HAYSLET WITH HARBOR INTERFAITH SERVICES.  
24 I'D LIKE TO THANK THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF  
25 HOMELESS SERVICES AND JUST THANK YOU FOR THE STRATEGIES THAT



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1 WERE PUT IN PLACE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AND WE ARE  
2 IN SUPPORT OF A YES VOTE ON ITEMS 1 AND 5. HARBOR INTERFAITH  
3 SERVES AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR BOTH COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM  
4 FOR THE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS THE  
5 HOMELESS FAMILY SOLUTION CENTER. AND WHAT I CAN TELL YOU IS  
6 THAT IN THE LAST TWO YEARS THAT THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN IN PLACE  
7 FOR S..P.A. 8, WE HAVE PLACED WELL OVER 600 CHRONICALLY  
8 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES INTO HOUSING. WE ACKNOWLEDGE  
9 THAT THERE ARE ISSUES THAT FACE HOMELESS. WE KNOW THAT MENTAL  
10 HEALTH EXISTS, MENTAL ISSUES EXIST. WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT  
11 SUBSTANCE ABUSE AS WELL AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND OTHER FACTORS  
12 LEAD TO HOMELESSNESS. BUT WHAT WE KNOW IS THE HOUSING FIRST  
13 MODEL, BY PLACING THOSE INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN HOUSING  
14 AND ADDRESSING THE ISSUE LEADS TO A PERMANENT SOLUTION. AND SO  
15 HARBOR INTERFAITH IS REALLY HERE TODAY JUST REALLY IN SUPPORT  
16 OF ITEMS 1 AND 5 AND JUST SUPPORT OF THE SYSTEM AND THE  
17 FUNDING THAT WILL HELP TO PRESENT THE STRATEGIES THAT WERE  
18 APPROVED. AND I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK DON KNABE AND MARK  
19 RIDLEY-THOMAS WHO COVERS SERVICE PLANNING AREA 8, JUST FOR ALL  
20 OF THEIR WORK AND ALL THAT THEY DO FOR HOMELESS SERVICES. SO  
21 THANK YOU AGAIN. AND WE ARE IN FAVOR OF 1 AND 5.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL UP  
24 ANN SEWILL. BROOK WIRTSCHAFTER. RYAN AZELL. AND DORA LEUNG.

25



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1   **ANN SEWILL:** GOOD MORNING. OR GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M ANN SEWILL.  
2   I'M THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR HOUSING AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY AT  
3   THE CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. AND I'M REALLY GOING TO  
4   YIELD MOST OF MY TIME BECAUSE I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR  
5   YOUR LEADERSHIP, MADAME CHAIR AND SUPERVISORS, AND TO STATE MY  
6   SUPPORT FOR BOTH 1 AND 5. I THINK THIS IS ONE OF THOSE MOMENTS  
7   I AM TRYING TO LOOK UP WHO SAID EVERYTHING THAT NEEDS TO BE  
8   SAID HAS BEEN SAID BUT HADN'T BEEN SAID BY EVERYBODY. BUT I  
9   COULDN'T FIND THE SOURCE. BUT ACTUALLY I'M LEARNING A LOT HERE  
10  IN THE THINGS THAT I WOULD JUST LOVE TO HOLD UP TO YOU, EXCEPT  
11  FOR THE FACT THAT I'D NEVER HEARD HOUSING BE DESCRIBED AS THE  
12  PLACE WHERE WE'RE MOST CONSTIPATED IN THE SYSTEM, WHICH I'M  
13  GOING TO TRY TO FIND SOMEBODY TO TWEET THAT OUT. IT'S THAT,  
14  OBVIOUSLY WE NEED HOUSING. WE NEED TO LOOK AT ISSUES LIKE  
15  FAMILY HOMELESSNESS WHICH WE DON'T KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT IN TERMS  
16  OF THE COST TO PUBLIC SECTOR. WE DEFINITELY NEED BOTH TO HAVE  
17  A GOOD FIRM GRIP ON WHAT WE'RE ALREADY SPENDING TO BUILD THE  
18  CASE BUT WE ALSO REALLY NEED JUST MORE RESOURCES. AND I WANT  
19  TO SECOND EVERYTHING THAT'S BEEN SAID HERE ABOUT THE  
20  IMPORTANCE OF BOTH THESE MOTIONS. AND I WISH I COULD PUT ALL  
21  THESE PEOPLE IN A BUS AND GO UP TO SACRAMENTO BECAUSE I KNOW  
22  HOW IMPORTANT THE FIGHT IS GOING TO BE THERE AND I WANT TO  
23  APPLAUD YOU FOR THE WORK THAT WE'RE STARTING TODAY. AND WE'RE  
24  IN IT WITH YOU FOR THE LONG HAUL. SO THANK YOU.

25



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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

2

3    **BROOKE WIRTSCHAFTER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR LETTING ME  
4    COME AND SPEAK TODAY. MY NAME IS BROOKE WIRTSCHAFTER. I'M HERE  
5    REPRESENTING VALLEY BETH SHALOM SYNAGOGUE IN ENCINO. VALLEY  
6    BETH SHALOM IS THE LARGEST SYNAGOGUE IN THE SAN FERNANDO  
7    VALLEY, AND WE HAVE BEEN REALLY FOCUSED ON ISSUES OF  
8    HOMELESSNESS, STRONGLY FOR THE LAST THREE YEARS, ALTHOUGH WE  
9    HAVE A SERVICE PROGRAM THAT GOES BACK FARTHER THAN THAT. WE  
10    WERE REALLY MOTIVATED TO ENGAGE IN ADVOCACY ON THIS YOU  
11    BECAUSE WE SAW OUR SERVICE WORK WAS NOT ENOUGH AND THAT  
12    HOMELESSNESS IS GROWING EVEN IN ENCINO ACROSS THE VALLEY AND  
13    ACROSS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WE'VE BEEN WORKING OVER THE  
14    LAST COUPLE YEARS WITH PARTNERS IN THE FAITH COMMUNITY AND IN  
15    THE NONPROFIT COMMUNITY ACROSS THE COUNTY. AND WHAT WE'VE SEEN  
16    IN WORKING WITH OUR PARTNERS AND OUR FRIENDS IS THAT WE NEED  
17    LONG TERM SOLUTIONS TO THIS PROBLEM AND WE NEED FUNDING  
18    SOURCES THAT WILL CONTINUE OVER TIME. THE COUNTY AND THE CITY  
19    HAVE DONE SO MUCH WORK IN THE LAST YEAR TO WRITE PLANS  
20    TOGETHER THAT REALLY LOOK HOLISTICALLY AND COMPREHENSIVELY AT  
21    HOW TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM. BUT AS YOU ALL KNOW AND AS SO MANY  
22    HAVE SAID WE NEED FUNDING THAT WILL CONTINUE FROM YEAR-TO-YEAR  
23    SO THAT WE CAN CARRY OUT THOSE PLANS AND REALLY MAKE CHANGE  
24    THAT WILL GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS. OUR FAITH TRADITION,  
25    ALMOST LIKE EVERY OTHER FAITH TRADITION, TELLS US THAT WE HAVE



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1 A REQUIREMENT TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. AND WHEN WE  
2 SEE OUR NEIGHBORS LIVING UNDER FREEWAY OVERPASSES, WE KNOW WE  
3 ARE NOT LOVING THEM IN THE WAY THAT WE SHOULD BE. AND WE KNOW  
4 WE NEED TO TREAT THEM THE WAY THAT WE OURSELVES WOULD WANT TO  
5 BE TREATED. AND WE WANT OUR LOVED ONES TREATED WERE THEY IN  
6 THAT SITUATION. SO AS A MEMBER OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY, I JUST  
7 WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP TODAY AND OVER  
8 THE LAST YEAR. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR TODAY'S MOTION ON  
9 TRANSPARENCY AND STUDYING HOW WE SPEND THIS MONEY SO CAREFULLY  
10 AND SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR  
11 LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D ALSO LIKE TO CALL UP  
14 HENRY PEREZ, BELINDA FAUSTINOS. ALINA BOKDE. TORI KJER. FATHER  
15 MICHAEL FONES. SO GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

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17 **DORA LEUNG:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND BOARD. MEMBERS. MY  
18 NAME IS DORA LEUNG. I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE GREATER MONTEREY  
19 PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND I'M ALSO A REAL ESTATE AGENT.  
20 THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I COME HERE AND VOICE OUT. I REALLY  
21 APPRECIATE YOUR INVITATIONS. I'M HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT THE  
22 MOTION FOR SMART HOMELESS AND STRATEGY FUNDING. HOUSING IS  
23 EXPENSIVE AND VERY IMPORTANT IN SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. WE  
24 UNDERSTAND THAT AND WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT ACCORDING TO THE  
25 SEAL.COM, THE MEDIAN HOME PRICE ON MARCH 31ST IS \$683,925. I





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1 CAN'T BELIEVE THAT. HOW CAN WE SUPPORT IN ORDER TO BE  
2 QUALIFIED TO HAVE THAT KIND OF SPENDING? OTHER THAN THAT,  
3 MONTEREY PARK CHAMBER BUILDING ALSO SERVES AS A VISITOR  
4 CENTER. WE HAVE L.A. DELEGATION CHINA TO VISIT OUR CITIES OFF  
5 AND ON. TOURISM IN 2016 IS INCREASED FROM 3.2 PERCENT. AND  
6 THEY'RE SPENDING 4.9 PERCENT SPENDING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
7 AS THE CHAMBER BUILDING IS A HISTORICAL AND COUNCIL BUILDING  
8 AND VISITOR CENTER, WE NEED TO KEEP GLOBAL IMAGE FOR PEOPLE  
9 WHO COME OVER TO CITY AND TO VISIT AND TOURING OUR CITIES.  
10 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

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14 **HECTOR PACHECO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS HECTOR PEREZ PACHECO. I SERVE AS A  
16 COUNTY COMMISSIONER FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY ACTION BOARD  
17 WHERE WE OVERSEE BLOCK GRANT MONIES TO SERVING THE COUNTY OF  
18 LOS ANGELES. AS WELL AS I SERVE AS A CITY COMMISSIONER FOR THE  
19 WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD WHERE WE OVERSEE EMPLOYMENT  
20 SERVICES THROUGHOUT THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. AS WELL AS I'M A  
21 FATHER. AND I'D JUST LIKE TO SHARE A LITTLE STORY, BECAUSE AS  
22 A FATHER AND YOU EXPLAIN THE SITUATIONS TO YOUR CHILDREN, IT  
23 TOUCHES YOUR HEART AND YOUR SPIRIT. AND MY SON IS STEVAN INTI  
24 TEFALI. HE'S 10 YEARS OLD. AND AS WE ARE BUYING OUR GROCERIES,  
25 MY SON TOLD ME, "PAPI, THERE'S A FAMILY OUT IN FRONT OF THE



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1 SUPERMARKET. THEY'RE HOMELESS. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT  
2 IT?" AND I SAID, "SON, WE HAVE SOME STRONG LEADERS IN  
3 GOVERNMENT THAT ARE COMMITTED TO THIS CAUSE, TO THIS ISSUE.  
4 AND RIGHT NOW I'M GOING TO HELP. BUT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE  
5 TO HELP. AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE YOUR GENERATION TO MAKE THAT  
6 CHANGE. AND GENERATIONS AFTER YOU. BUT YOU HAVE TO REMEMBER,  
7 YOUR HEART AND YOUR SPIRIT. AND THOSE THAT SURROUND YOU HAVE  
8 TO COME WITH THAT SAME HEART AND THAT SPIRIT." AS A MEMBER OF  
9 THE COMMISSION, WE HAVE BROUGHT FORWARD INDIVIDUALS THAT  
10 RECEIVE MONIES FROM THE COUNTY AND PROVIDING EXCELLENT  
11 SERVICES WITHIN THE COUNTY. BUT AS I NOTICE, SEVERAL OF THOSE  
12 INDIVIDUALS OR ORGANIZATIONS, THERE'S A DISCONNECT. SO THIS  
13 STUDY THAT WOULD BE TAKING PLACE IS VERY MUCH NEEDED. WE NEED  
14 TO PUT THOSE INDIVIDUALS TOGETHER SO WE CAN MAKE THE MOST  
15 EFFICIENT USE OF OUR MONEY. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

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17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING DOWN.  
18 NEXT SPEAKER.

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20 **FR. MICHAEL FONES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M FATHER MICHAEL  
21 FONES. I'M THE PASTOR OF ST. DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN  
22 EAGLE ROCK, CALIFORNIA, WHICH I'M TOLD IS ONE OF THE HOTTEST  
23 HOUSING MARKETS IN THE COUNTRY. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD OF  
24 SUPERVISORS FOR ADDRESSING THIS HUMAN CRISIS. OUR PARISH  
25 SERVES A FREE LUNCH FIVE DAYS A WEEK AND A FREE DINNER ONE DAY



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1 A WEEK. OVER 55 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE THAT WE SERVE ARE 55  
2 YEARS AND OLDER. WE HAVE A CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL ON OUR  
3 PROPERTY. THERE'S TWO OTHER PRESCHOOLS AND ANOTHER GRADE  
4 SCHOOL WITHIN A TWO-BLOCK RADIUS. AND SO I HAVE RECEIVED  
5 ALREADY LOTS OF PHONE CALLS FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE SAYING "NOT IN  
6 MY BACKYARD." SO IT'S GREAT THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO ADDRESS  
7 THIS WITH MONEY, BUT THE DIVERSE HOMELESS POPULATION HAS A  
8 COMMON DENOMINATOR AND THAT IS OFTENTIMES A LACK OF COMMUNITY  
9 OF CARE WHO CAN HELP THEM THROUGH THE TRANSITION FROM  
10 HOMELESSNESS TO HAVING A HOME. AND THERE ARE-- I ASK THAT  
11 SOMEHOW YOU TRY TO HELP US, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE FAITH  
12 COMMUNITY, TO RESPOND AS A FAITH COMMUNITY TO THESE FOLKS.  
13 THERE ARE 2,800 FAMILIES IN MY PARISH. WE HAVE MANY HEALTHCARE  
14 WORKERS. WE HAVE POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS. WE HAVE COUNSELORS. HELP  
15 US TO HELP THESE BROTHERS AND SISTERS BECAUSE MONEY ALONE IS  
16 NOT GOING TO SOLVE THE ISSUE. THEY NEED PEOPLE TO SUPPORT THEM  
17 AND TO WALK WITH THEM. SO I SUPPORT THESE RESOLUTIONS WITH ONE  
18 CAVEAT. AND THAT IS THAT I HOPE AND PRAY THAT THE STATE DOES  
19 NOT LEGALIZE MARIJUANA. SINCE I'VE BEEN A TEENAGER I'VE BEEN  
20 TOLD, DON'T SMOKE POT BECAUSE THAT'S A GATEWAY DRUG TO OTHER  
21 DRUGS. SO IF PARTS OF HOMELESSNESS IS A FUNCTION OF DRUG  
22 ADDICTION, THIS DOESN'T MAKE SENSE TO ME. BUT THE REST OF THE  
23 MEASURES ARE FANTASTIC. THANK YOU.

24  
25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.



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2 **BELINDA FAUSTINOS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. BELINDA FAUSTINOS. THANK  
3 YOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PROVIDING US THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
4 SPEAK. I WORK WITH OUR PARKS COALITION AND ENVIRO METRO. SO I  
5 AM VERY HEAVILY INVESTED IN BOTH THOSE UPCOMING MEASURES WHICH  
6 WE HAVE SEVERAL CHAMPIONS ON THIS BOARD FOR BOTH. I COME TO  
7 YOU TODAY BECAUSE THIS IS SUCH A CRITICALLY IMPORTANT ISSUE.  
8 AND I WILL HAVE COLLEAGUES HERE THAT ARE GOING TO SPEAK ABOUT  
9 THE SPECIFICS OF PARKS ISSUES. SO I'M JUST GOING TO TELL A  
10 PERSONAL STORY. I HAVE A SON WHO IS MENTALLY ILL. AND IN THE  
11 LAST THREE DAYS, WE HAVE FACED THE ISSUES OF HIS POTENTIAL  
12 HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE WE COULD NOT HAVE HIM IN OUR HOUSE. I  
13 HAVE BEEN AN ADVOCATE FOR COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES FOR MANY  
14 YEARS AND THINK THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS JUST SO  
15 CRITICALLY IMPORTANT AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR TAKING THIS UP.  
16 AT THE SAME TIME, I'M A CHAMPION OF OUR PARKS MEASURE AND I  
17 REALLY BELIEVE THAT THE INTEGRATION OF THESE TWO CONCEPTS ARE  
18 JUST SO CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE NEED THESE THINGS FOR  
19 QUALITY OF LIFE. THEY ARE WHAT MAKES US A HUMAN SOCIETY THAT I  
20 THINK CARES ABOUT EACH OTHER AND PROVIDES THE RESOURCES THAT  
21 WE NEED TO SUSTAIN OURSELVES AS A COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY  
22 MUCH.

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BELINDA. NEXT  
25 SPEAKER.



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**ALINA BOKDE:** HI, MADAME CHAIR, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME  
IS ALINA BOKDE. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES  
NEIGHBORHOOD LAND TRUST. AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF OUR PARKS  
COALITION TO SHARE OUR SUPPORT FOR BOTH MEASURES ON  
HOMELESSNESS. OUR COALITION SEES HOMELESSNESS AS A CRITICAL  
ISSUE IN OUR REGION. AND WE SUPPORT THE LEADERSHIP OF THE  
BOARD IN ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE IN MULTIPLE WAYS. ASSESSING THE  
CURRENT HOMELESSNESS PROGRAMS AND INCREASING INVESTMENT IN  
HOMELESSNESS AND PARKS AND RECREATION ARE COMPLEMENTARY AND  
ENSURE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL OF OUR RESIDENTS. THERE ARE  
WELL DOCUMENTED LINKS BETWEEN ACCESS TO SAFE AND CLEAN SPACES  
FOR RECREATION AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY FOR  
YOUNG PEOPLE. THIS COMMITMENT TO QUALITY OF LIFE, SAFE AND  
EQUITABLE ACCESS AND PREVENTING DISPLACEMENT IS EVIDENT IN THE  
PRINCIPLES OF OUR PARKS COALITION THAT WE'VE ADOPTED. PARKS,  
HOMELESSNESS AND TRANSPORTATION ARE INTEGRATED SUPPORT SYSTEMS  
FOR ANGELINOS THAT ARE IN URGENT NEED OF ATTENTION. WE SUPPORT  
A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO THESE ISSUES AS CRITICAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR  
SOLIS, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, KUEHL AND  
KNABE AND THE FULL BOARD FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. WE  
LOOK FORWARD TO SUPPORTING A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE FOR QUALITY  
OF LIFE THIS FALL. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'D ALSO LIKE TO CALL UP  
2   PAMM FAIR. GABRIEL BUELNA. RICHARD ZALDIVAR. RICHARD ESTRADA  
3   AND TORI KJER. GO AHEAD.

4  
5   **SPEAKER:** HI, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M ALSO HERE ON  
6   BEHALF OF THE OUR PARKS COALITION TO SHARE OUR SUPPORT FOR  
7   COUNTY ACTION ON HOMELESSNESS. OUR COALITION SEES  
8   HOMELESSNESS-- AS ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS AS ONE OF THE  
9   CRITICAL PILLARS TO ENSURING THAT WE HAVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR  
10   ALL IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE BELIEVE THAT TACKLING  
11   HOMELESSNESS, PARKS AND COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM  
12   TOGETHER IS ACTUALLY THE WAY FORWARD TO FULL QUALITY OF LIFE  
13   FOR ALL ANGELINOS. AND WE REALLY APPLAUD YOUR LEADERSHIP AND  
14   JUST CONTINUE TO KIND OF-- ARE HERE TO REINFORCE SUPPORT FOR  
15   THESE MEASURES TOGETHER. THERE'S A WELL DOCUMENTED LINK  
16   BETWEEN ACCESS TO SAFE AND CLEAN SPACES FOR RECREATION AND  
17   PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE. WE KNOW  
18   THAT WE NEED A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO ALL OF THESE ISSUES  
19   TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE FOR  
20   ALL OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. AND WE THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS SOLIS,  
21   RIDLEY-THOMAS, KUEHL, KNABE, AND ALL OF THE BOARD FOR YOUR  
22   LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE AND OTHER ISSUES AND WE LOOK FORWARD  
23   TO SUPPORTING A COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE FOR QUALITY OF LIFE THIS  
24   FALL. THANK YOU.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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3    **FR. RICHARD ESTRADA:** MY NAME IS FATHER RICHARD ESTRADA. AND I  
4    AM THE FOUNDER OF JOVENES, INC. JOVENES SUCCESSFULLY HELP  
5    YOUTH EXIT HOMELESSNESS AND MOVE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. ON  
6    BEHALF OF JOVENES, I THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR  
7    COMMITMENT TO END HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
8    AS THE HOMELESS CRISIS CONTINUES TO GROW THROUGHOUT THE  
9    COUNTY, WE MUST CONTINUE TO EVALUATE ALL SOURCES OF REVENUE  
10    THAT CAN PLACE PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT HOMES AND FUND THE  
11    SERVICES THAT KEEP THEM HOUSED. WE MUST ALSO LEARN FROM OUR  
12    PAST AND WISELY SPEND ON SOLUTIONS THAT WORK SO A SMALL  
13    POPULATION OF OUR COUNTY'S MOST NEEDY INDIVIDUALS RECEIVE THE  
14    HELP THEY NEED. WE MUST MAKE INVESTMENTS TO HELP MORE  
15    INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND YOUTH LEAVE HOMELESSNESS BEHIND  
16    THEM. SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION WILL GIVE THE COUNTY THE  
17    INFORMATION WE NEED TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ON HOW TO  
18    PROPERLY SPEND THIS MONEY, HOW TO TARGET VARIOUS POPULATIONS  
19    AND HOW WE CAN PREVENT HOMELESS YOUTH FROM BECOMING  
20    CHRONICALLY HOMELESS ADULTS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
21    SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S MOTION WILL GIVE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LARGER  
22    RESOURCES THAT CAN BE DEPLOYED FOR A GREATER IMPACT ON  
23    HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY. FOR THIS REASON, I THANK YOU FOR  
24    ALL THE HARD WORK YOU HAVE DONE AND YOUR COMMITMENT. THANK  
25    YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, FATHER.

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4 **GABRIEL BUELNA:** GABRIEL BUELNA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLAZA  
5 COMMUNITY SERVICES IN EAST LOS ANGELES. AS A SOCIAL SERVICE  
6 AGENCY ON THE EAST SIDE, WE REPRESENT APPROXIMATELY 590  
7 CHILDREN THROUGH CHILDCARE, THROUGH EARLY HEAD START WHICH IS  
8 SOME OF THE PROGRAMS IN TERMS OF QUALIFYING WHERE WE NEED TO  
9 BE EXTREMELY POOR CHILDCARE SERVICES. THE HOMELESSNESS ISSUE  
10 IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO FAMILIES AND TO CHILDREN AND TO MAKE  
11 SURE THAT CHILDREN, ALL CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO HOUSING. I  
12 ALSO WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE OPERATE OUR FAMILY PRESERVATION  
13 PROGRAM, OUR FATHERS IN THE CLASSROOM PROGRAM, OUR SUBSTANCE  
14 ABUSE PROGRAMS, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, HOMELESSNESS IS A MAJOR  
15 INDICATOR OF-- THROUGHOUT ALL OUR PROGRAMS AND I WANTED TO BE  
16 HERE IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE 1 AND MEASURE 5. THANK YOU VERY  
17 MUCH.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YES, MA'AM.

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21 **PAMM FAIR:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PAMM FAIR. I'M THE  
22 POLITICAL DIRECTOR FOR S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721. WE'RE PROUD TO  
23 REPRESENT OVER 55,000 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES EMPLOYEES, MANY OF  
24 WHOM HELP IN VARIOUS WAYS TO SERVE THE GROWING HOMELESS  
25 POPULATION, WHETHER THEY'RE HEALTHCARE WORKERS, SOCIAL



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1 WORKERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, MENTAL HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS, WE ALL  
2 SHARE THE COMMITMENT WITH YOU TO BRING MUCH NEEDED RESOURCES  
3 AND DIGNITY TO THOSE EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP AND LIVING IN THEIR  
4 CARS OR ON THE STREETS. THE WORKING POOR ARE AMONG THOSE  
5 SUFFERING THE MOST. AND MANY INFANTS AND CHILDREN ARE PART OF  
6 THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY. WE MUST EXAMINE HOW ALLOCATED FUNDS  
7 ARE BEING UTILIZED AND FIND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO FIND NEW  
8 FUNDING SOURCES. SO S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 SUPPORTS THESE MOTIONS  
9 AND THE AMENDMENT. AND WE BELIEVE THAT EVERYTHING THAT CAN BE  
10 DONE MUST BE DONE TO ENSURE THAT ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE  
11 VITAL COUNTY SERVICES AND A PLACE TO CALL HOME BESIDES A  
12 FREEWAY UNDERPASS.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'D ALSO LIKE TO  
15 CALL UP PERCY DURAN. FREDRICK SYKES. OSCAR MAGANA, AND JESSICA  
16 HO. MR. SYKES? GOOD TO SEE YOU.

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18 **FREDRICK SYKES:** LIKEWISE, THANK YOU. SHOULD I PROCEED?

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YES.

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22 **FREDRICK SYKES:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND  
23 MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. COUNTY STAFF AND  
24 THE AUDIENCE. I AM FREDRICK SYKES. I AM THE IMMEDIATE PAST  
25 MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST COVINA. NOW, FOR TOO LONG IN WEST



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1 COVINA AND OTHER COMMUNITIES LIKE MINE, WE HAVE IGNORED THE  
2 HOMELESS SITUATION. IN WEST COVINA, WE HAVE LARGE ACRES OF  
3 PARK SPACE. WE HAVE OUR OPEN GREEN SPACES. AND WE HAVE OUR  
4 FLOOD CONTROL CHANNELS. AND ALL THESE PLACES ARE PLACES WHERE  
5 THE HOMELESS CAN SECRET AWAY. AND RIGHT NOW, THE PROBLEM HAS  
6 JUST GOTTEN TOO BIG. AND IT'S ALSO VERY FLUID, IN THAT WE ARE  
7 SURROUNDED BY UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND THOSE FOLKS TRAVEL  
8 BACK AND FORTH BETWEEN THE TWO COMMUNITIES. SO WHAT YOU'RE  
9 DOING HERE TODAY IS GREATLY APPRECIATED AND THANK YOU. AND  
10 WE'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT-- I'M GOING TO THE CITY COUNCIL  
11 MEETING TONIGHT AND I WILL MAKE SURE THAT THE CITY COUNCIL  
12 HEARS OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING TODAY SO THAT WE CAN COORDINATE AND  
13 WORK TOGETHER. AND THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAME  
14 CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING.

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18 **PERCY DURAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
19 PERCY DURAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS  
20 AND FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS UNDER TOM  
21 BRADLEY AND DICK RIORDAN. AND THE REASON I BRING UP TOM  
22 BRADLEY IS, 20 YEARS AGO WE WERE LOOKING AT PORTABLE TOILETS  
23 TO BE PUT UP FOR THE HOMELESS. WE LOOKED AT THE IGLOOS AND NOW  
24 YOU HAVE PORTABLE HOUSING THAT'S BEING PUT UP. I THINK THESE  
25 TWO MOTIONS COMPLEMENT EACH OTHER. I THINK THE AUDIT IS



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1    IMPORTANT. I THINK THE REPORTS THAT YOUR STAFF HAVE INDICATED  
2    SUPPORT THE COUNTY AND THE VOTERS THAT SUPPORT THIS TYPE OF  
3    ACTIVITY. AND THE NEED IS THERE. AND ONLY GETTING HARDER. IT'S  
4    NOT GETTING EASIER. SO I APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU. AND SUPERVISOR  
5    ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE RIGHT. IT'S A COMPLEX ISSUE. AND IT'S GOING  
6    TO TAKE A LOT OF WORK AND WE'RE JUST BEGINNING. THANK YOU VERY  
7    MUCH.

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9    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, PERCY. JESSICA?

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11    **JESSICA HO:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. MY NAME IS JESSICA HO AND  
12    I REPRESENT EISNER PEDIATRIC AND FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER. AND WE  
13    ARE A HIGH QUALITY COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE CENTER LOCATED IN  
14    DOWNTOWN L.A., SOON TO BE SERVING 50,000 PATIENTS THROUGHOUT  
15    LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND HUNDREDS OF THOSE PATIENTS ARE ALSO  
16    HOMELESS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR  
17    YOUR LEADERSHIP IN PRESENTING MOTION ITEM NO. 1 AND WE BELIEVE  
18    THAT THIS WILL HELP US WITH THE DATA AND WE BELIEVE VERY  
19    STRONGLY THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR US. AS WELL AS THANK YOU SO  
20    MUCH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR YOUR  
21    MOTION, AS WELL. AND WE STRONGLY SUPPORT PURSUING NEW  
22    RESOURCES TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. AND PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW  
23    WE CAN BE HELPFUL MOVING FORWARD. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
24    ALL OF YOUR LEADERSHIP.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT I'D LIKE TO  
2   CALL UP AGAIN OSCAR MAGANA. I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S STILL HERE.  
3   MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON. SURI MARTINEZ. SUZANNE SMITH. AND MONICA  
4   ALCARAZ

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6   **SUZANNE SMITH:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS SUZANNE SMITH. I AM  
7   A RESIDENT OF EAGLE ROCK IN LOS ANGELES. I'M MEMBER OF THE  
8   NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL THERE AND I'M ALSO MEMBER OF RECYCLED  
9   RESOURCES FOR THE HOMELESS, WHICH IS AN ALL VOLUNTEER  
10   ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE TO PEOPLE  
11   EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. WE ARE THE ORGANIZATION THAT OPENED  
12   A SHELTER IN HIGHLAND PARK THAT WAS RUN FOR A MONTH AND A HALF  
13   ALL BY VOLUNTEERS. ALL OF OUR GUESTS SLEPT IN THE SANCTUARY ON  
14   PEWS IN THE CHURCH. AND ALL OF THE FOOD THAT WAS PROVIDED WAS  
15   DONATED BY PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY WHO REACHED OUT TO US WHEN  
16   THEY HEARD WE WERE DOING THE SHELTER. I AM IN SUPPORT OF BOTH  
17   OF THESE BILLS. I THINK IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHERE  
18   THE MONEY-- WHERE ALL OF THIS MONEY IS GOING. I KNOW THAT  
19   THEIR MEDICAL COSTS ARE VERY HIGH. BUT I ALSO KNOW THAT OUR  
20   ORGANIZATION WORKS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WITH SINGLE HOMELESS  
21   ADULTS. AND WE SERVED ABOUT 250 PEOPLE IN THE FOUR MONTHS THAT  
22   WE WERE OPEN. AND VIRTUALLY NONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WAS ENGAGED  
23   IN ANY SORT OF CITY OR COUNTY SERVICES EXCEPT FOR THEIR  
24   INTERACTIONS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT. SO IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THAT  
25   IS CERTAINLY AN AREA THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT, TO FIND OUT





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1 WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING AND WHY NEIGHBORHOODS LIKE NORTHEAST  
2 L.A. AND CERTAINLY MANY PARTS OF L.A. COUNTY HAVE NO SERVICES  
3 AT ALL, WHERE ALL OF THE SERVICES ARE CONCENTRATED IN CERTAIN  
4 NEIGHBORHOODS. WE HAVE AN INCREASING PROBLEM AS THE PASTOR  
5 INDICATED. WE HAVE A LARGE POPULATION OF R.V.S WHO HAVE BEEN  
6 MOVED, MANY FROM OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS WHERE PARKING  
7 RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED. THERE ARE MANY  
8 OPPORTUNITIES OUT THERE AND WE JUST ARE-- WE WANT PEOPLE TO  
9 LOOK AT THE BEST PRACTICES AND ENLIST THE PEOPLE IN THE  
10 COMMUNITY, THE VOLUNTEERS LIKE US AND THE CHURCHES AS WELL AS  
11 THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING IN ALL THESE ORGANIZATIONS TO BE  
12 COORDINATED AND HAVE OPTIONS FOR HOW WE CAN HELP PEOPLE MOVE  
13 INTO HOUSING.

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15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GO AHEAD.

16

17 **MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON:** MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON WITH DIGNITY AND  
18 POWER NOW. THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WILL COMMEND THE LEADERSHIP OF  
19 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR TAKING SOME  
20 BOLD STEPS TO GIVE US SOME OPTIONS TO FIND THESE RESOURCES  
21 THAT ARE SO, SO NECESSARY. AND ALSO TO YOUR LEADERSHIP,  
22 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR CALLING INTO QUESTION HOW RESOURCES ARE  
23 BEING ALLOCATED AND HOW WE CAN ADDRESS THIS CRISIS. YOU KNOW,  
24 I COME TO THIS CONVERSATION THINKING ABOUT A GOOD FRIEND OF  
25 MINE WHO IS CURRENTLY IN TWIN TOWERS WHO HAS A HISTORY OF



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1 MENTAL HEALTH, WHO HAS A HISTORY OF BEING ABUSED BY THE  
2 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WHO HAS A HISTORY OF HOMELESSNESS. HIS  
3 STORY IS NOT UNIQUE. WE KNOW THAT OVER 40 PERCENT OF THE  
4 HOMELESS POPULATION IN LOS ANGELES IS BLACK FOLKS. AND WE KNOW  
5 THAT THE CONCENTRATION OF HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
6 IS SPREAD OUT BETWEEN WEST L.A., BETWEEN METRO, IN BETWEEN SAN  
7 FERNANDO VALLEY. SO THIS IS A COUNTY-WIDE ISSUE THAT I'M GLAD  
8 WE'RE TAKING SOME SERIOUS LEADERSHIP ON. AND I THINK ALSO WHAT  
9 I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT IS THAT AS WE MOVE FORWARD THAT WE  
10 CAN REALLY PUSH FORWARD IN LOOKING AT THE INTERSECTION BETWEEN  
11 THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS AND THE CRISIS OF INCARCERATION. WE  
12 HAVE A SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THAT WAS ONLY ABLE TO SECURE  
13 \$150,000 FOR THE MACARTHUR GRANT TO REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION  
14 WHEN MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WERE ON THE TABLE TO REDUCE THE JAIL  
15 POPULATION. WHEN WE KNOW THAT HAVING A HISTORY OF HOMELESSNESS  
16 MAKES YOU 11 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO BE INCARCERATED. SO WE ARE  
17 CALLING ON YOU TO CONTINUE TO MAKE THIS BE NOT ONLY A PUSH  
18 FORWARD IN ADDRESSING THE CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS BUT ALSO  
19 ADDRESSING THE CRISIS OF INCARCERATION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

20

21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

22

23 **SURI MARTINEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON TO YOU ALL. MY NAME IS SURI  
24 MARTINEZ, A STUDENT FROM LA CAUSA YOUTH BUILD, A NONPROFIT  
25 ORGANIZATION THAT FOCUSES ON LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT. WE ARE



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1 HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION BY CHAIR HILDA SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR  
2 DON KNABE. AT LA CAUSA, WE HAVE BEEN RESEARCHING THE SYSTEMIC  
3 ISSUES THAT RESOLVE AROUND HOMELESSNESS. WE NEED TO DO A  
4 BETTER JOB TO EXAMINE HOW COUNTRY FUNDS GO TO HOMELESSNESS  
5 SERVICES EACH YEAR. THIS MOTION WILL ADDRESS JUST THAT. THANK  
6 YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT I'D LIKE TO  
9 CALL UP REINA SCHMITZ, NEIL MCGUFIN. ERIC LOPEZ. BILL WATKINS.  
10 GO AHEAD, SIR.

11

12 **NEIL MCGUFIN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR, COMMISSIONER,  
13 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. I THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THE  
14 ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS. WE APPRECIATE YOUR TAKING THIS  
15 COOPERATIVE LEADERSHIP TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. LITTLE TOKYO  
16 SERVICE CENTER--

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, SIR.

19

20 **NEIL MCGUFIN:** NEIL MCGUFIN, LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER. WE  
21 APPRECIATE THE EFFORT TO GET THE HOMELESS OFF THE STREETS AND  
22 THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN ORDER TO DO THIS.  
23 WITH THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING, THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE SOCIAL  
24 SERVICES IN ORDER FOR PEOPLE TO KEEP THEIR HOUSING, THAT  
25 LITTLE TOKYO SERVICE CENTER COMMENDS COMMISSIONER SOLIS FOR



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1 HER MOTION TO LOOK AT HOW THE SERVICE FUNDS ARE BEING UTILIZED  
2 AND TO WORK TO MAXIMIZE THE EFFICIENCY, BOTH ECONOMICALLY  
3 USING THE SERVICES AND HUMANELY TO HELP PEOPLE STAY HOUSED. WE  
4 BELIEVE THAT THE TRANSFORMATION THAT THIS WILL AFFECT IN THE  
5 SOCIAL SERVICE SYSTEM WILL SAVE DOLLARS AND WILL PROVIDE LONG-  
6 RANGE BENEFITS TO THE COUNTY. THANK YOU AND WE SUPPORT THE  
7 MOTION FOR SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **REINA SCHMITZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON MY NAME IS REINA SCHMITZ. I'M A  
12 COUNTY RESIDENT AND THE REASON I'M HERE IS FOR MOTHERS DAY I  
13 WAS GOING TO CELEBRATE WITH MY FAMILY AND I SAW A MOTHER THAT  
14 WAS HOMELESS WITH A LARGE CARD. I FELT REALLY BAD BECAUSE  
15 SOMETIMES YOU SEE THESE HOMELESS AND YOU WANT TO DO MORE THAN  
16 YOU CAN. AND I WAS REALLY SURPRISED TODAY TO FIND OUT THAT  
17 THEY ARE NOT EVEN A PART OF THE STATISTICS FROM THE STUDY. I  
18 WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE COUNTY COMING FORWARD NOT ONLY FOR THE  
19 MOTIONS THAT ARE PUTTING FORWARD BUT ALSO REMEDIES ON HOW TO  
20 PREVENT THESE ISSUES OF HOMELESSNESS. I APPLAUD YOUR EFFORTS.  
21 AND I AM REALLY MUCH IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HILDA SOLIS MOTION  
22 AS WELL AS THE OTHER MOTIONS SO THAT WE CAN SOLVE THOSE  
23 PROBLEMS AND AGAIN PREVENTIVE MEASURES ARE A HELL OF A LOT  
24 BETTER THAN EXPERIENCES FROM HOMELESS. THANK YOU.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU FOR COMING. NEXT  
2   SPEAKER.

3

4   **ERIC LOPEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS ERIC LOPEZ. I REPRESENT  
5   C.A.L.O. YOUTHBUILD. THERE ARE SEVERAL STREETS THAT ARE FILLED  
6   WITH HOMELESS PEOPLE ESPECIALLY HERE IN DOWNTOWN. AND HEARING  
7   ABOUT THIS NEW LAW WHERE MILLIONAIRES WOULD BE TAXED 0.5  
8   PERCENT, APPROX., IT'S REALLY GOOD NEWS. IT SEEMS THAT EACH  
9   WEEK I COME HERE ARE THERE IS ONE LAW AFTER ANOTHER BEING  
10   PASSED TO PROMOTE JUSTICE IN OUR COUNTY. LET'S KEEP THE  
11   MOMENTUM GOING. RECENTLY MY SCHOOL AND I MADE A SURVEY OF WHY  
12   MOST PEOPLE THINK LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE BIGGEST JAIL IN  
13   THE WORLD. MOST PEOPLE ANSWER POVERTY. THIS IS SOMETHING WE  
14   NEED TO PROVIDE, TO PROVIDE MORE SUSTAINABLE AND BETTER LIVES  
15   FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS. REMOVE POVERTY FROM THEIR LIVES ONCE  
16   AND FOR ALL. REACHING OUT TO THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE THE  
17   RESOURCES AND THE MONEY NECESSARY TO CHANGE LIVES ONE BY ONE,  
18   STREET BY STREET, CHANGE BY CHANGE BY CHANGE. THANK YOU.

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20   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANT TO  
21   INFORM THE PUBLIC THAT WE HAVE STILL WELL OVER A HUNDRED  
22   PEOPLE WHO REQUESTED TO SPEAK. AND BECAUSE OF THE HOUR, WE  
23   HAVE TO CUT BACK TO ONE MINUTE. WE DID MAKE A SPECIAL  
24   CIRCUMSTANCES AVAILABLE FOR PANELISTS TO REPRESENT ALL THE  
25   ASPECTS THAT ARE PRESENTED TODAY. AND IF YOU'LL PLEASE ENDURE



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1 WITH US, WE'LL TRY TO MOVE THROUGH THIS QUICKLY. AND I  
2 APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU COMING THIS MORNING AND NOW AFTERNOON.  
3 SO LET'S CONTINUE MOVING AHEAD HERE. ERICA JACQUEZ. BILL  
4 WATKINS. SERGIO NAJERA. MICHELLE HOPE WALKER. AND IF WE JUST  
5 START BRINGING PEOPLE UP, WE CAN START LINING FOLKS UP, IT  
6 WILL GO QUICKER. CANEK PE A VARGAS, AS WELL. AND MANUEL  
7 SANTIAGO.

8

9 **ERICA JACQUEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND HONORABLE  
10 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON  
11 THIS AMAZING MOTION, P1, 1 AND 5. MY NAME IS ERICA JACQUEZ AND  
12 I WORK FOR ULTIMATE HEALTH SERVICES AT F.Q.A.C., SERVING  
13 CONSTITUENTS IN YOUR DISTRICTS. WE CURRENTLY STRONGLY SUPPORT  
14 THIS MOTION SO WE CAN ADDRESS THE CRITICAL ISSUES THAT ARE  
15 ADDRESSING OUR COMMUNITY AS FAR AS THE HOMELESSNESS. I'M ALSO  
16 THE VICE CHAIR FOR THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF LOS  
17 ANGELES, AS WELL AS THE HEALTH COMMISSION OF LOS ANGELES AND  
18 ALSO FORMER APPOINTEE, PRESIDENT OBAMA'S APPOINTEE FROM H.U.D.  
19 SO FOCUSING ON THE ISSUE OF HOMELESSNESS IS A HUGE CRITICAL  
20 ISSUE OF MINE. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR WORKING TOGETHER  
21 ADDRESSING THIS YOU IN AN EFFICIENT, EFFECTIVE WAY TO MAKE  
22 SURE THAT THE PUBLIC IS AWARE OF THE FUNDING THAT IS USED AND  
23 ALSO TRANSPARENCY. IT'S ACTUALLY REALLY REFRESHING. I ALSO  
24 WANT YOU TO LOOK TO US AS WELL AS ALL THE ORGANIZATIONS AS A  
25 POSSIBLE COLLABORATOR. SOMETHING WE REALLY WANT TO FOCUS ON IS





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1    RECUPERATIVE BEDS, AS WELL AS PROVIDING SERVICES, WRAP-AROUND  
2    SERVICES. PLEASE LOOK TO ULTIMATE AS A PARTNER SO WE CAN GO  
3    AHEAD AND MOVE FORWARD ON ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. THANK YOU.

4

5    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

6

7    **SERGIO NAJERA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. FIRST OF ALL MADAME CHAIRMAN  
8    AND THE REST OF THE BOARD HERE FOR ALLOWING ME TO BE HERE. MY  
9    NAME IS SERGIO NAJERA. I'M A 20 YEAR NAVY RETIRED VETERAN. I'M  
10    ALSO A PART OF THE VET HUNTERS PROJECT AND VET HUNTERS M.M.C.  
11    I'M ACTUALLY A SERVICE OFFICER FOR THE VET HUNTERS PROJECT AT  
12    THIS POINT. AND WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S  
13    MOTIONS FOR THIS HOMELESSNESS. THE ONE THING I WANTED TO SAY,  
14    IT'S BEEN SAID HERE BEFORE, BEEN HERE FOR A WHILE, THE LACK OF  
15    SERVICES WITHIN THE WEST SIDE OR THE EAST SIDE OF THE SAN  
16    GABRIEL VALLEY IS A BIG THING FOR ME. AND ALSO THE WAY THEY  
17    COUNT THE HOMELESSNESS. I MEAN, BEFORE I UNDERSTAND THAT WE  
18    TAKE ACCOUNT OF THESE PEOPLE. DID WE EVER TAKE ACCOUNT TO THE  
19    VETERAN POPULATION? WAS THAT A THING? AND ALSO THE PEOPLE THAT  
20    ARE COMING IN. I JUST HOUSED AN INDIVIDUAL THAT IS FROM UTAH  
21    THAT JUST CAME IN LAST MONDAY IN INGLEWOOD. SO WE NEED TO TAKE  
22    A LOOK AT THE VISITORS THAT ARE COMING IN. SO THANK YOU AND WE  
23    SUPPORT IT. THANK YOU.

24

25    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.



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**MICHELLE WALKER:** OKAY. HI, I'M GOING TO TALK FAST. HI, THANK  
YOU MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. THANK YOU. I'M SORRY I HAVE TO GIVE  
HIM A HAND. Y'ALL GOT TO WATCH THAT HAND THING. CULTURALLY WE  
ALL CELEBRATE THINGS DIFFERENTLY. I THINK IT'S OKAY FOR US TO  
CLAP OUR HANDS. YOU ALL CLAPPED WHEN EVERYBODY WAS BEING  
HONORED UP HERE. BUT THE KEY THING IS THANK YOU MARK RIDLEY-  
THOMAS. ALSO HOMELESSNESS IS NOT JUST-- EVERYBODY'S NOT  
MENTALLY ILL OR SUBSTANCE ABUSED OR HEALTH. THERE ARE A LOT OF  
PEOPLE THAT ARE HOMELESS THAT BASICALLY IT'S JUST A SITUATION  
THAT'S GOING ON. ALSO RACE. WE NEED YOU ALL TO DEAL WITH THE  
RACE ISSUE AND THE CLASS ISSUE. SO TRUE THERE'S A SMALL NUMBER  
OF BLACKS IN L.A. COUNTY, BUT SOMEHOW THERE'S A MAJORITY  
HOMELESS. SO THAT NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. I'M MICHELLE HOPE  
WALKER. SORRY I DIDN'T SAY MY NAME. SO THANK YOU FOR  
EVERYTHING YOU ALL HAVE DONE. ALSO THERE IS NOT A WASTE. I  
DON'T FEEL THERE'S A WASTE. I DO SUPPORT WHAT YOU'RE DOING  
SOMETHING BUT I AM IN SUPPORT OF 5 BECAUSE WE NEED MORE  
SERVICES. THEY'RE USING THE MONEY IN THE RIGHT WAY. WE JUST  
NEED MORE OF IT BECAUSE THERE'S MORE HOMELESS PEOPLE. THANK  
YOU.

22

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF. I'D ALSO LIKE THE  
CALL UP CLAUDE MARTINEZ.

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1   **MANUEL SANTIAGO:** MY NAME MANUEL SANTIAGO. I'M A RESIDENT OF  
2   LOS ANGELES. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION.  
3   IT WORRIES ME TO KNOW THAT THE COUNTY WOULD HAVE SPENT OVER A  
4   BILLION DOLLARS AND ONLY 5 PERCENT WENT TO INDIGENT ADULTS. I  
5   BELIEVE THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S MOTION PROPOSES TO GUIDE, TO  
6   GIVE US A GUIDE TO HELP THE HOMELESS AND SUPPORT THEM. THANK  
7   YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

8

9   **CLAUDE MARTINEZ:** YES, MY NAME IS CLAUDE MARTINEZ AND I RESIDE  
10  AT 2569 CRANBERRY LANE, HACIENDA HEIGHTS. I'VE BEEN LIVING  
11  THERE FOR ALMOST 40 YEARS. I'M ALSO A COMMISSIONER ON THE  
12  HOSPITAL AND HEALTHCARE COMMISSION. AND I'M ALSO A MEMBER OF  
13  THE INTEGRATION ADVISORY BOARD, THE I.A.B. I WANTED TO THANK  
14  YOU, SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR INVITING ME FOR GIVING ME THE  
15  OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE BOARD. I ALSO WANT TO CONGRATULATE  
16  THE BOARD ON SUCH A GREAT JOB THAT YOU'RE ALL DOING, YOUR  
17  LEADERSHIP. NOW I SAY THAT NOT AS SOMEBODY WHO JUST COME TO  
18  THIS ISSUE IN THE LAST FEW WEEKS. BUT SOMEONE WHO'S BEEN  
19  INVOLVED WITH HOMELESS ISSUES FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS. AND ALSO  
20  SOMEBODY WHO'S BEEN A STUDENT OF THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
21  BEEN AN OBSERVER SINCE I WAS WORKING FOR THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE  
22  BACK IN 1964. WHEN I WAS WORKING FOR A MAN BY THE NAME OF LEN  
23  HOLLINGER. I'VE KNOWN MOST OF YOUR-- THANK YOU. IT SAYS TIME  
24  EXPIRED. DID I DO A MINUTE? IS THAT A MINUTE?

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU GET 10 SECONDS.

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3    **CLAUDE MARTINEZ:** THANK YOU FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING. KEEP UP THE  
4    MOMENTUM, AND I APPRECIATE IT. ONE MINUTE IS NOT ENOUGH.

5

6    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE BILL WATKINS.  
7    CANEK PE A VARGAS. KIMLER GUTIERREZ. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.  
8    LUIS PASILLAS. LORENA SANCHEZ. CHEYENNE GACIA. ALEX DAVIS. AND  
9    PLEASE REMEMBER TO STATE YOUR NAME AND WE'RE ON THE 1 MINUTE  
10    RULE.

11

12    **LORENA SANCHEZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR, SUPERVISORS. MY  
13    NAME IS LORENA SANCHEZ. I REPRESENT THE CHILDREN'S DEFENSE  
14    FUND CALIFORNIA. WE ARE HERE IN SUPPORT OF BOTH MOTION 1 AND 5  
15    TO TALK ABOUT JUST HIGHLIGHT THE DEVASTATING IMPACT THAT  
16    HOMELESSNESS HAS ON CHILDREN IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE  
17    REPRESENT VERY TALENTED YOUTH AND CHILDREN WHO REALLY NEED  
18    SUPPORTS OF RESOURCES AND HOUSING. AND SO WE DO COMMEND  
19    EVERYBODY HERE FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO  
20    CONTINUING TO ADVOCATE ON THIS ISSUE STATEWIDE AND COUNTYWIDE.  
21    THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

22

23    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

24



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1   **ALEX DAVIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE  
2   BOARD. MY NAME IS ALEX DAVIS. I AM THE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS  
3   MANAGER AT THE VALLEY OF INDUSTRY COMMERCE ASSOCIATION,  
4   V.I.C.A., AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME TODAY. THE SAN FERNANDO  
5   VALLEY IS UNITED AND WE STAND HERE WITH THOSE IN ATTENDANCE  
6   TODAY TO HELP RESOLVE AND COMBAT HOMELESSNESS ACROSS LOS  
7   ANGELES COUNTY. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR WORK WITH  
8   THIS BOARD TO IDENTIFY VIABLE AND RESPONSIBLE FUNDING  
9   MECHANISMS TO SUPPORT THESE SERVICES. AND WE'D LIKE TO THANK  
10   THE CHAIR FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN ANALYZING EXISTING FUNDING AND  
11   IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES ACROSS THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

12

13   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT I'D LIKE TO CALL UP  
14   KENT MINAULT. VELVET YVETTE VICTORIAN.. GLENNA WILSON. JOSEPH  
15   MAIZLISH. PAUL RUBENSTEIN. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. THANK YOU.

16

17   **KENT MINAULT:** HI, I'M KENT MINAULT AND I'M SPEAKING IN SUPPORT  
18   OF THE MILLIONAIRES TAX. IT'S A SMART TAX ON THE MODEL OF THE  
19   SUCCESSFUL PROPOSITION 30. IT WON'T BURDEN LOW INCOME  
20   TAXPAYERS. AND IT'S A FAIR TAX THAT INTELLIGENTLY RESPONDS TO  
21   THE ENORMOUS WEALTH INEQUALITY IN OUR COUNTY, WHICH A SALES  
22   TAX WOULD NOT DO. AND IT'S EVIDENTLY SUPPORTED BY MOST OF THE  
23   MILLIONAIRES WHO WILL BE HIT BY IT. WHY NOT? THEY'LL STILL BE  
24   RICH AFTER THEY PAY FOR IT. WE'LL START PUTTING REAL RESOURCES  
25   INTO HOMELESS RECOVERY, INTO HOUSING AREAS THAT HAVE BEEN



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1 PROVEN TO WORK. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M KENT MINAULT. I  
2 VOLUNTEER WITH THE SIERRA CLUB.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** JOSEPH MAIZLISH. NOW YOU'RE INTEGRATING  
7 SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S CONCERNS AND SUPERVISOR KNABE'S CONCERNS.  
8 INTEGRATING SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S CONCERNS WHICH I'VE BEEN  
9 LEARNING FROM SINCE 1993 IS MORE CHALLENGING AND THEREFORE  
10 IT'S GOING TO BE MORE PROMISING. SO I LOOK FORWARD TO HOW YOU  
11 DO THAT IN FURTHER DISCUSSIONS, PARTICULARLY ABOUT MANDATING  
12 AND CIVIL LIBERTIES. BUT TO ME THOSE ARE NOT REASONS TO SAY  
13 NO. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTIONED LAST WEEK DECLINING  
14 PURCHASING POWER OF PEOPLE. BUT THE PURCHASING POWER OVERALL  
15 ISN'T DECLINING. IT'S BEING SHIFTED FROM MOST OF THE  
16 INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES TO FEWER AND FEWER  
17 HANDS. AND THAT'S WHAT MAKES THIS KIND OF A TAX A WAY TO SOLVE  
18 THE PROBLEM A FAIR WAY TO GO. WHEN THE COUNTY INSTITUTED A  
19 MODEST MINIMUM WAGE AND OTHER JURISDICTIONS ACTUALLY TOOK AN  
20 INTEREST IN DOING IT AND NOW WE HAVE AN INCREASED STATE  
21 MINIMUM WAGE. THE SAME MAY BE THE CASE WITH HOUSING. AND I  
22 RECOGNIZE THE APPREHENSIONS ABOUT THE PROBLEMS THAT CAN COME  
23 UP BUT SHARING CAN BE AS CONTAGIOUS AS FEAR AND DIVISION. WE  
24 CAN KNOW WHICH WILL PREVAIL OR WHEN. ALL WE CAN KNOW IS WHICH  
25 WE CHOOSE TO SUPPORT TODAY. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

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4 **GLENNA WILSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIRPERSON AND TO THE  
5 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M GLENNA WILSON. I'M A REGISTERED  
6 NURSE. I RETIRED FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PUBLIC HEALTH  
7 DEPARTMENT. I HAVE NURSED IN THE PHILIPPINES, BRAZIL, UGANDA,  
8 KENYA AND JAMAICA, AS WELL AS BEVERLY HILLS. SOME AREAS OF THE  
9 LOS ANGELES COUNTY LOOKS LIKE A BOMB HAS HIT IT AND THE PEOPLE  
10 ARE IMPACTED. THERE'S DIFFERENT LEVELS OF HOMELESSNESS. I ALSO  
11 VISITED SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, WHERE A WOMAN, HER NAME IS  
12 SANDOVAL, TOOK IT UPON HERSELF AND A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION  
13 LAVAME, AND SHE SPENT HER LIFE SAVINGS TO HAVE MOBILE SHOWER  
14 UNITS AT THE DIFFERENT POINTS OF THE CITY. I MUST SAY THAT THE  
15 HOMELESS POPULATION IN SAN FRANCISCO IS LIKE 1 PERCENT  
16 COMPARED TO OURS. SO CERTAINLY A LITTLE SMALL CITY OF SAN  
17 FRANCISCO CAN DO SOMETHING FOR THE HOMELESS PEOPLE I KNOW THE  
18 CITY I WAS BORN IN CAN DO GREATER. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

21

22 **PAUL RUBENSTEIN:** HI, MY NAME IS PAUL RUBENSTEIN. I'M HERE TO  
23 SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ST. JOSEPH CENTER. OUR THANKS TO THOSE, YOU  
24 ALREADY HEARD, FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THESE MEASURES HERE BEFORE  
25 YOU TODAY. FOR FOUR DECADES, THE ST. JOSEPH CENTER HAS BEEN ON





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1 THE FRONTLINES OF POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS ON THE WEST SIDE  
2 AND NOW IN SOUTH L.A. COMMUNITIES, AS WELL. THIS YEAR WE'VE  
3 SEEN UNPRECEDENTED ATTENTION AND SUPPORT FOR ADDRESSING THE  
4 CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS, THE PLIGHT OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN  
5 WHO ARE HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COMMUNITIES. WE'RE HEARTENED BY  
6 YOUR SUPPORT TODAY. AND THESE MOTIONS ARE REALLY GOING HELP US  
7 MOVE FORWARD IN A MANNER THAT IS EFFICIENT YET ALSO PROCEED  
8 WITH SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS THAT WILL HELP US IN THE LONG TERM.  
9 SO WE WANT TO THANK YOU FOR BEING THOUGHTFUL, BUT ALSO MOVING  
10 FORWARD WITH THE URGENCY THAT THE SITUATION DEMANDS.

11

12 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. CALL UP YOLANDA DUARTE.  
13 RICARDO LARA. DR. PERRY CROUCH. ANGEL CABRERA. AND ERIC ARES.

14

15 **YOLANDA DUARTE:** GOOD AFTERNOON NOON, SUPERVISORS AND MADAME  
16 CHAIR. MY NAME IS YOLANDA DUARTE. I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF  
17 ANTELOPE FAMILY SERVICES. I HAVE THE HONOR OF SERVING AS THEIR  
18 BOARD CHAIR. ON BEHALF OF THE HUNDREDS OF CHILDREN FROM EARLY  
19 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TO ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES AND EVERYBODY  
20 IN BETWEEN AND ALL THEIR FAMILIES IN AREAS OF UNINCORPORATED  
21 EAST L.A., HUNTINGTON PARK, PICO RIVERA AND BOYLE HEIGHTS, I  
22 WANT TO THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION OF THESE  
23 TWO MOTIONS BEFORE YOU. IT MAKES ABSOLUTE SENSE TO LOOK  
24 CLOSELY AT THE HOMELESS FUNDING SO THAT YOU AT THE COUNTY CAN  
25 EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THIS CRISIS IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE WE



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1 NEED IT. TO MY KNOWLEDGE, IN SPITE OF THE DEPTH OF THE  
2 HOMELESSNESS SITUATION THERE'S THE DEARTH OF SERVICES IN THE  
3 SAN GABRIEL VALLEY ON THE EAST SIDE. AS A CONSULTANT TO  
4 NONPROFIT AGENCIES, I CAN SEE FIRSTHAND WHAT THE L.A.H.S.A.  
5 REPORT ALREADY CONFIRMS, THAT MORE AND MORE AGENCIES SERVING  
6 THESE POPULATIONS ARE SERVING INCREASING NUMBERS OF HOMELESS  
7 FAMILIES. THIS INFORMATION WILL HELP YOU PROVIDE TARGETED  
8 FUNDS IN A REAL STRATEGIC MODEL SO THAT YOU CAN GET THE  
9 SERVICES AND THE MONEY WHERE IT'S NEEDED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOLANDA.

12

13 **ERIC ARES:** YES, SUPERVISOR. MY NAME IS ERIC ARES. I'M WITH THE  
14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK AND LOYOLA HIGH  
15 SCHOOL ALUM. I AM HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT, ON BEHALF OF MY  
16 ORGANIZATION, BOTH ITEMS 1 AND 5 WE VIEW THEM AS  
17 COMPLEMENTARY. WE WANT TO SAY FOR THE RECORD THAT IT TOOK  
18 DECADES TO GET US HERE. WE WISH IT WASN'T UNDER THESE TERMS  
19 BUT WE HAVE A ONE TIME OPPORTUNITY TO NOT JUST PASS THESE  
20 ITEMS BUT BACK UP THE PLANS THE COUNTY HAD AND THE CITY SIDE  
21 WITH THE FUND TOGETHER MAKE IT HAPPEN. I THINK WE SHOULD JUMP  
22 ON TOP OF THAT. I WOULD LASTLY SAY, IN TERMS OF ITEM 1, TO THE  
23 EXTENT IT IS POSSIBLE, I WOULD ENCOURAGE IN THE ANALYSIS TO  
24 FACTOR IN THE COST OF LAW ENFORCEMENT WITH THEIR INTERACTION  
25 WITH HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS. INCREASINGLY THE COUNTRY, THE CITY,



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1 THE STATE AND ACTUALLY, YOUR HOMELESS PLAN, IN ITEM P-5, THAT  
2 STRATEGY ACKNOWLEDGES THAT CRIMINALIZATION UNFORTUNATELY COMES  
3 AT GREAT COST. AND THAT SHOULD BE FACTORED INTO BOTH HOW MUCH  
4 MONEY IS BEING SPENT AND THAT RESOURCE IS REDIRECTED TOWARDS  
5 SOLUTIONS THAT ACTUALLY GET FOLKS OFF THE STATE, THAT ACTUALLY  
6 RAISE THE ROOF FOR HOMELESS FOLKS. AND SO WE JUST WANTED TO  
7 PUT IT ON THE RECORD AND HOPE YOU COULD FACTOR THAT IN AS  
8 WELL.

9

10 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ANGEL CABRERA. JOSEPH  
11 TITUS. JESUS PINEDO. JOHANNA ARIAS-BHATIA. GO RIGHT AHEAD,  
12 MA'AM.

13

14 **JOHANNA ARIAS-BHATIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M JOHANNA ARIAS-  
15 BHATIA, AND I'M HERE TODAY AS SOMEONE WHO WORKED IN THE  
16 NONPROFIT FIELD FOR OVER 20 YEARS. THE LAST 11 YEARS I WORKED  
17 WITH PEOPLE WHO HAD DIAGNOSIS OF COGNITIVE DISABILITIES AS  
18 WELL AS MENTAL HEALTH. AND PART OF THE SERVICE WE PROVIDED  
19 WERE DIVERSION PROGRAMS AND PLACEMENT PROGRAMS FOR THESE  
20 INDIVIDUALS. THEY DID VERY WELL. BUT UNFORTUNATELY THE HIGHEST  
21 RISK FOR THESE INDIVIDUALS RELAPSING WAS WHEN THE OVERSIGHT  
22 WAS DONE. AND SO I'M HERE TO SAY THAT I SUPPORT BOTH MOTIONS  
23 AND I ENCOURAGE THE COUNTY TO COORDINATE ITS SYSTEM AND FOR  
24 THE COUNTY TO THINK ABOUT HOW TO EVOLVE THE WAY IT PROVIDES  
25 SERVICES TO THESE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT HIGH RISK OF



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1 RELAPSING. AND SO I JUST WANTED TO THANK THE BOARD TODAY FOR  
2 ITS EFFORTS AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR LETTING ME SPEAK TODAY.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **JOSEPH TITUS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS JOSEPH  
7 TITUS. I'M FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT. THIS MONEY IF IT'S  
8 APPROVED WILL NOT CURE THE HOMELESS PROBLEMS BUT IT WILL PUT A  
9 BAND-AID ON THE PROBLEM. PLEASE PASS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE ANGEL  
12 CABRERA WHO I BELIEVE I CALLED. JESUS PI EDO. ELIAS CORTEZ.  
13 GARLENIA DAVIS IN LANCASTER. GO AHEAD.

14

15 **ELIAS CORTEZ:** MY NAME IS ELIAS CORTEZ. I'M HERE REPRESENTING  
16 HEARTLAND COALITION AND N.C.R.S. HONORABLE MADAME CHAIR,  
17 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, STAFF AND PUBLIC. WE FULLY SUPPORT THE  
18 MOTION FROM SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KNABE TO MOVE  
19 FORWARD WITH THIS VERY VISIONARY AND IMPORTANT PROGRAM TO DEAL  
20 WITH THE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
21 SPECIFICALLY WE PROVIDE SERVICES TO MANAGE FORECLOSURES ON  
22 BEHALF OF CITIES TO HOLD THE BANKS AND THE INDUSTRY  
23 ACCOUNTABLE. AND WE FOUND IN THOUSANDS OF CASES THAT THERE IS  
24 AN OPPORTUNITY TO BETTER ASSIST THE RESIDENTS THAT ARE LOSING  
25 THEIR HOMES. WHEN THE POINT OF THE COUNTY SHERIFF'S LOCKOUT,



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1 IF THE COUNTY CAN QUICKLY LOOK AND VERIFY THAT THOSE RESIDENTS  
2 WERE GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAVE THEIR HOMES VIA \$2 BILLION  
3 KEEP YOUR HOME CALIFORNIA PROGRAM, I THINK THIS WOULD BE A  
4 GREAT ASSET AND SOMETHING THAT NEEDS TO BE REVIEWED IN YOUR  
5 OPPORTUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL GO QUICKLY TO  
8 LANCASTER. GARLENIA DAVIS. DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS.

9

10 **GARLENIA DAVIS:** THIS HOMELESS THING IS NEW FOR ME. I'M COMING  
11 FROM COLORADO. I JUST HAVE THE TWO POINTS THAT I WANTED TO  
12 MAKE. THAT I THINK THIS ISSUE CERTAINLY CAN BE ADDRESSED IF WE  
13 LOOK AT THE CREATIVE WAYS THAT ORGANIZATIONS MAY ALREADY BE  
14 EFFECTIVELY ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE. AND ALSO I DO HAVE A BIG  
15 BROTHER IN PALO ALTO WHO DESIGNED A TRUCK THAT DOES THE  
16 WASHING OF CLOTHES AND SHOWERING. AND HE JUST GOT A CONTRACT  
17 WITH THE CITY OF PALO ALTO. SO I THINK THIS ISSUE CAN  
18 CERTAINLY BE DIRECTED IN A HOLISTIC MANNER AND CAN BE DONE  
19 WELL WITH ACCOUNTABILITY AND CONNECTING WITH ORGANIZATIONS  
20 THAT ARE BEING EFFECTIVE IN DOING IT EFFECTIVELY. AND ALSO  
21 CHECKING ORGANIZATIONS FOR WASTED MONEY. HAVING ADDITIONAL TAX  
22 MONEY? I THINK THIS THING COULD CERTAINLY BE DONE. IF THERE  
23 ARE WASTED MONEY IN THE DEPARTMENTS CHECKED INTO AND PUT BACK  
24 INTO SERVICES THAT ARE NEEDED. THANK YOU.

25



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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER FROM  
2   LANCASTER? DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS. MICHAEL JENKINS.

3

4   **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** HI, I AM DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS  
5   AND MR. JENKINS IS WITH ME AND HE'S GOING TO YIELD HIS MINUTE  
6   TO ME. I WANTED TO SAY IN 2008, I RAN THE CAMPAIGN OF  
7   LANCASTER MAYOR R. REX. PARRIS. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HE  
8   PROMISED ME HE WAS GOING TO DO AT THAT TIME AS I BEING HIS  
9   CAMPAIGN MANAGER WAS HE WAS GOING TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IN  
10   LANCASTER BECAUSE HE BELIEVED THAT YOU FOLKS DOWN THERE WERE  
11   SENDING ALL YOUR HOMELESS PEOPLE UP HERE TO US. HE REACHED IN  
12   HIS POCKET AND TOOK OUT \$10,000 AND GAVE IT TO STEVE BAKER OF  
13   GRACE RESOURCE AND STEVE FRONTED A PROGRAM WHERE HE WAS GOING  
14   TO GIVE A BUS TICKET AND A BAGGED LUNCH TO ANYONE WHO WANTED  
15   TO LEAVE LANCASTER AND GO ANYWHERE THEY WANTED TO GO. THAT WAS  
16   HIS RESOLUTION OF HOMELESSNESS. LET ME TELL YOU THIS:  
17   HOMELESSNESS, I AGREE WITH MIKE ANTONOVICH. I DON'T THINK  
18   TAXING THE WEALTHY IS THE ANSWER. I THINK THAT THERE ARE A LOT  
19   OF FUNDS OUT THERE. AND I'VE BEEN TRAINED BY THE AETNA. I'VE  
20   ABOUT ENTRAINED BY EVA BAKER WHO IS DR. EVA BAKER FROM  
21   U.C.L.A. WHO IS IN CHARGE OF SURVEYS I'VE WORKED IN THE LEARN  
22   PROGRAM FOR L.A.U.S.D. I'VE BEEN MENTORED BY CLARENCE THOMAS.  
23   I'M NO FOOL AND I'M NOT STUPID. I'VE BEEN AROUND, I'M  
24   EXTREMELY INTELLIGENT AND I'VE WORKED WITH HOMELESSNESS FOR 35  
25   YEARS AND I AM 62 YEARS OLD RIGHT NOW. THERE IS A LOT OF



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1 WASTED MONEY IN THE SYSTEM. AND UNTIL YOU CAN PROVE TO ME, I  
2 TELL EVERY TAXPAYER IN L.A. COUNTY YEAH, YOU JUMP ON THE  
3 BANDWAGON TO SOLVE HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE I AGREE BUT I PUT THEM  
4 UP IN MY HOME. I FED THEM. I'M CLOTHED THEM AND SHOWERED THEM.  
5 BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS I WANT TO KNOW WHERE THAT BILLION  
6 DOLLARS IS GOING. AND NOBODY IN THIS AUDIENCE HAS ADDRESSED  
7 EDUCATION. I DID A STUDY FOR FIVE YEARS ON THE DROPOUT RATE OF  
8 BLACKS IS AT AN EPIDEMIC PROPORTION OUT OF HIGH SCHOOLS. AND  
9 THAT IS GOING TO FEED INTO THAT HOMELESS POPULATION. NOW YOU  
10 TELL ME WHERE THAT COMES INTO THE FACTORS OF WHAT THIS SURVEY  
11 TEAM HAS DONE. YOUR SURVEY HAS A LOT OF FAULTS IN IT. AND I  
12 WILL MEET WITH THAT SURVEYOR ANY DAY OF THE WEEK TO SHOW HIM.  
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME EXPIRED. THANK YOU. OKAY. LET'S  
16 GO ON TO LOCAL HERE. BRUCE HARRIS. TERESA MARQUEZ. JOHNNY  
17 LEYBA. NORMA SOLIS. SIEGLINDE VON DEFFNER. GO RIGHT AHEAD,  
18 SIR.

19

20 **BRUCE HARRIS:** HI, MY NAME IS BRUCE HARRIS. I REPRESENT C.C.E.  
21 YOUTHBUILD IN LENNOX AND THE NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS COUNCIL.  
22 TODAY I WANT TO SAY I SUPPORT THE BILL, THE TWO MOTIONS THAT  
23 ARE IN EFFECT RIGHT NOW. COMING FROM A STUDENT THAT WAS  
24 HOMELESS AND CHANGED HIS LIFE AROUND DRAMATICALLY, WHICH IS  
25 ME, I FEEL LIKE IT'S DOING GOOD BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE LIKE





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1 THE LADY THAT JUST SPOKE SAID, THERE'S A LOT OF WASTED MONEY.  
2 AND I FEEL LIKE A LOT OF LIKE THINGS LIKE GENTRIFICATION AND  
3 STUFF LIKE THAT, LIKE HOW THE NEW STADIUM IS BEING BUILT IN  
4 INGLEWOOD. I FEEL LIKE THAT'S A WASTE. IT'S COOL THAT WE HAVE  
5 A FOOTBALL TEAM. BUT I FEEL LIKE A LOT OF THAT MONEY COULD GO  
6 TO SOMETHING DIFFERENT LIKE HELPING ALL THESE LOST HOMELESS  
7 PEOPLE.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. [APPLAUSE]

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11 **JOHNNY LEYBA MADAME CHAIR,** MY NAME IS JOHNNY LEYBA. GOOD  
12 AFTERNOON, ALL SUPERVISORS. I'M A MEMBER OF THE VET HUNTERS  
13 PROJECT. I'M A SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM MEMBER. ALSO THE EMCEE.  
14 IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, THERE'S MANY HOMELESSNESS OUT IN  
15 THE RIVER BED. I TALK TO THEM DAILY. SOMETIMES WEEKLY AND  
16 MONTHLY DOING A WELLNESS CHECK. I ASK THE QUESTION, IF YOU HAD  
17 A HOME, YOUR OWN SHELTER IN THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY, WOULD YOU  
18 GO? THEY ALL SAID YES. IF WE HAD ANYTHING OUTSIDE RESOURCE TO  
19 COME IN TO TAKE YOU SOMEWHERE ELSE, WOULD YOU GO? THEY SAID  
20 NO. THIS IS WHAT WE NEED. MORE RESOURCES IN SAN GABRIEL  
21 VALLEY, AN ALL YEAR ROUND SHELTER. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME  
22 SPEAK. GOOD DAY.

23

24 **>>SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER. TERESA?

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1   **TERESA MARQUEZ:** MY NAME IS THERESA MARQUEZ AND I'M PRESIDENT  
2   OF THE MOTHERS OF EAST L.A. AND I SUPPORT HILDA SOLIS ON THIS  
3   MOTION 1 AND 2, ESPECIALLY BECAUSE I USED TO BE-- WHEN I WAS  
4   WORKING, I'M RETIRED-- I WAS AN AUDITOR. AND I HELPED CLOSE  
5   THE SAVINGS AND LOANS BACK IN THE '80S. AND I UNDERSTAND THE  
6   OVERSEEING FUNDING AND BEING ABLE TO USE IT AS BEST POSSIBLE  
7   IN AN EFFICIENT AND PROFICIENT, ESPECIALLY IN THESE CASES. AND  
8   THAT'S ALL I'M GOING TO SAY NOT KEEPING YOUR TIME. AND I  
9   TOTALLY SUPPORT YOU.

10

11   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR COMING. NEXT SPEAKER?

12

13   **SIEGLINDE VON DEFFNER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS SIEGLINDE VON  
14   DEFFNER, AND I'M WITH THE UNION STATION HOMELESS SERVICES AND  
15   WE SERVE HOMELESS FOLKS THROUGHOUT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND  
16   I WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS, FOR YOUR NEW  
17   MOTION AND THANK YOU SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR  
18   YOUR MOTION. WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF BOTH MOTIONS AND THINK THEY  
19   WORK REALLY WELL TOGETHER. AND WE HAVE SEEN THE IMPACT THAT  
20   COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM HAS MADE ON REDUCING HOMELESSNESS IN  
21   THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AND ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE  
22   PEOPLE THAT WEREN'T BEING SERVED PRIOR TO HAVING A COORDINATED  
23   ENTRY SYSTEM. I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR COURAGE AND  
24   LEADERSHIP. AND I WON'T TAKE UP ANYMORE OF YOUR TIME.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

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3    **NORMA SOLIS:** MY NAME IS NORMA SOLIS. I LIVE IN PROYECTO  
4    PASTORAL, A SHELTER FOR WOMEN. I'VE BEEN HOMELESS FOR TWO  
5    YEARS. I CAN'T WORK. AND I'M VERY SICK. THAT'S WHY I'D LIKE  
6    THE SUPPORT PROJECT 1 AND PROJECT 5 IN ORDER TO LIVE IN A  
7    BETTER WORLD. THAT'S WHY I DON'T HAVE LEGAL PAPERS. AND THAT'S  
8    WHY I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU TO SUPPORT THIS VERY LARGE PROBLEM TO  
9    LIVE IN A BETTER WORLD. THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING.

10

11   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MUCHAS GRACIAS, SENORA. [APPLAUSE.] I  
12   HAVE NEXT LINDA LOCKWOOD. ANN-SOPHIE MORISSETTE. FRAN DELACH.  
13   JEFF ALLRED. KITAK LEUNG. SAL MARTINEZ. GOOD AFTERNOON.

14

15   **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I AM LINDA LOCKWOOD. I'M A LOS  
16   ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSIONER, ASSIGNED TO I.C.A.N., THE  
17   INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON NEGLECTED AND ABANDONED CHILDREN. MY  
18   REASON FOR BEING HERE IS BASICALLY THE CHILDREN AND THE  
19   FAMILIES. IT IS TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR DOING YOUR JOB  
20   AND FOR ADDRESSING THIS VERY CRITICAL ISSUE. I HAVEN'T HEARD A  
21   WORD FROM ANY OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR HOMELESSNESS  
22   IN OUR COUNTRY. FOR YOU TO BE BRAVE ENOUGH TO TAKE THIS ON  
23   SAYS A LOT. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND HEARTS TO THINK  
24   TO GO AFTER MONEY SOURCES, RICH FOR THE POOR, THAT SOUNDS  
25   REALLY GOOD. IT SOUNDS APPROPRIATE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU,



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1 HILDA SOLIS, FOR STOPPING US IN THIS PROCESS AND FOR DOING THE  
2 ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL ACCOUNTABILITY BEFORE WE GO FORWARD. WE  
3 MUST KNOW WHERE THAT MONEY HAS GONE BEFORE WE CAN APPROPRIATE  
4 IT IN THE FUTURE. WE ONLY HAVE ONE CHANCE AT THIS TO STOP IT.  
5 SO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR RESPONSIBLE ACTIONS IN THIS CASE. I  
6 WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT THE COMMUNITY IS ORGANIZING. WE HAVE PUT  
7 AND DUMPED A LOT OF THIS ON YOU AND I'M SORRY FOR THAT. BUT WE  
8 WILL WORK AND WE WILL MEET YOU AS PARTNERSHIP AS WE SHOULD.  
9 THANK YOU AGAIN.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. GREG SPIEGEL. CLARA SOLIS.  
12 MAURA JOHNSON. MONICA CHRISTIANSON. CHARISSE PAYNE.

13

14 **GREG SPIEGEL:** GREG SPIEGEL, INNER CITY LAW CENTER, INNER CITY  
15 LAW CENTER SUPPORTS ITEMS 1 AND 5. AND AT THE RISK OF BEING A  
16 LITTLE TOUCHY-FEELY, I.C.L.C. WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE  
17 BOARD'S EXTRAORDINARY AND UNPRECEDENTED COLLABORATIVE EFFORT  
18 TO ADDRESS POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS OVER THE PAST YEAR. YOUR  
19 COLLABORATION HAS GOT US THIS FAR AND IS OUR MOST PRECIOUS  
20 RESOURCE. THANKS.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

23

24 **MAURA JOHNSON:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MAURA JOHNSON. I'M  
25 HOUSING DIRECTOR FOR HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION.



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1 I WANTED TO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS OF MY COLLEAGUES AND THANK  
2 SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KNABE FOR INTRODUCING THE MOTION TO  
3 EXAMINE HOW COUNTY FUNDS ARE SPENT ON HOMELESSNESS. WE BELIEVE  
4 THAT THE RESULTING REPORT WILL CONFIRM THE CRITICAL NEED FOR  
5 MORE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES TO BE CREATED, FOR CHRONICALLY  
6 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND THE NEED FOR THAT HOUSING TO OFFER  
7 TARGETED, WRAP-AROUND SERVICES. THE CONTINUING EFFORTS OF THE  
8 COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS AND AID THIS  
9 POPULATION SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED AND APPLAUDED. WE HAVE SEEN  
10 THAT BY UTILIZING THE HOUSING FIRST MODEL WITH WRAP-AROUND  
11 SERVICES, THAT WE CAN MAKE A PERMANENT AND SUSTAINABLE  
12 DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.  
13 WE BELIEVE THE COUNTY SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR LEADERSHIP ROLE  
14 AND CREATE A PERMANENT REVENUE SOURCE TO HELP US PRODUCE THIS  
15 DESPERATELY NEEDED HOUSING. THIS SOURCE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
16 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES'S EFFORT TO CREATE A SUSTAINABLE  
17 FUNDING SOURCE AND THE FUNDING EFFORTS IN OTHER CITIES AND AT  
18 THE STATE LEVEL WILL ALLOW US TO MAKE INROADS INTO THIS  
19 CRITICAL SOCIETAL ISSUE. WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT MOTIONS 1  
20 AND 5.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. NEXT  
23 SPEAKER.

24



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1 **CHARISSE PAYNE:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND BOARD OF  
2 SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
3 SPEAK. I BELIEVE THIS IS AN HONOR. MY NAME IS CHARISSE PAYNE.  
4 I AM THE CLIENT RESOURCE COORDINATOR FOR THE C.E.S. PROGRAM  
5 CATHOLIC CHARITIES. THE DIVISION OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES THAT I  
6 WORK FOR IS ST. MARGARET'S CENTER. WE'RE BASED IN LENNOX,  
7 WHICH MEANS THAT WE SERVE S.P.A. 8. I'D LIKE TO SAY ON BEHALF  
8 OF ST. MARGARET'S CENTER, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ITEMS 1 AND  
9 5 WHICH WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT AND WE'D LIKE TO SEE THAT  
10 BOTH OF THESE MEASURES ARE PASSED TODAY. UP-TO-DATE, WE'VE  
11 DONE A LOT OF GREAT WORK WITH HOMELESSNESS. AND WE'VE GOT A  
12 WHOLE LOT MORE TO DO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SHARI WEAVER. JONAE WATTS.  
15 MARX GUTIERREZ. ERICK BERNARD. JANET KELLY. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.  
16 STATE YOUR NAME.

17

18 **SHARI WEAVER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS SHARI WEAVER AND I'M  
19 FROM HARBOR INTERFAITH SERVICES IN SAN PEDRO. COORDINATED  
20 ENTRY SYSTEM REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR S.P.A. 8. I'D FIRST LIKE  
21 TO STATE THAT I APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS IN PASSING BOTH  
22 MOTIONS 1 AND 5. I'M VERY PROUD OF THE WORK THAT C.E.S. AND  
23 S.P.A. 8 TEAM HAS ACCOMPLISHED IN THE PAST 2 YEARS, WITH OVER  
24 433 CHRONICALLY HOMELESSNESS INDIVIDUALS TRANSITIONED FROM  
25 LIVING ON THE STREETS INTO PERMANENT HOUSING. 93 PERCENT HAVE



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1 RETAINED THEIR HOUSING. HOMELESSNESS AND THE LACK OF  
2 AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A CRISIS IN L.A. COUNTY THAT CANNOT BE  
3 RESOLVED WITH THE LIMITED RESOURCES. AS MUCH WORK IS BEING  
4 DONE ON OUR REGION BASED ON THE MOST RECENT HOMELESS COUNT  
5 THERE'S STILL A 10-1/2 PERCENT INCREASE IN S.P.A. 8. WE ARE  
6 WORKING HARD TO INCREASE THESE NUMBERS BUT WITHOUT ADEQUATE  
7 RESOURCES WE ARE NOT SEEING THE NEEDLE MOVE IN THAT DIRECTION.  
8 THE INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS NOT ONLY AFFECTS THOSE LIVING ON  
9 THE STREET BUT ALSO IS AFFECTING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR  
10 COMMUNITY MEMBERS. WE OFTEN FIND OURSELVES NOT ONLY RESPONDING  
11 TO THE HOMELESS CALLS FOR HELP BUT ALSO TO DISTRESSED  
12 COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND CONCERN, IMPACTED BY THE GROWING  
13 ENCAMPMENTS. AS A RESPONSIBLE LEADER, I'D LIKE TO MAKE THE  
14 DECISION FOR THE GREATER GOOD. WE HAVE ENORMOUS HOMELESS  
15 POPULATION WHO REQUIRE SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL INVESTMENT. WE  
16 JUST URGE YOU TODAY TO PASS MOTIONS 1 AND 5.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **ERICK BERNARD:** MY NAME IS ERICK BERNARD. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT 1  
21 AND 5. I'M CURRENTLY HOMELESS. BEEN HOMELESS OFF AND ON ALL MY  
22 LIFE. I HAVE A SANCTUARY OF HOPE AND A LOT OF DIFFERENT  
23 ORGANIZATIONS THAT'S BEEN HELPING ME OUT. SO I JUST WANT TO  
24 CONTINUE TO GET THAT SUPPORT FOR THE HOMELESS YOUTH AND ALSO  
25 HOMELESS AROUND L.A. COUNTY.





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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SOMEONE ON MY STAFF WILL TALK TO YOU.  
3 THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

4

5 **JANET KELLY:** HI, MY NAME IS JANET KELLY. I'M THE EXECUTIVE  
6 DIRECTOR OF SANCTUARY OF HOPE. WE PROVIDE HOUSING AND  
7 EDUCATION STABILIZATION SERVICES FOR TRANSITION AGE YOUTH IN  
8 SOUTH L.A. AND IN THE INGLEWOOD AND HAWTHORN AREA. I'M VERY  
9 THANKFUL TO SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL  
10 FOR INTRODUCING YOUR MOTION AS WELL AS THE AMENDMENT. WE SEE  
11 THAT THIS FUNDING IS A TOOL IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION OF  
12 EXPLORING ALL OF THE VARIOUS REVENUE AND RESOURCES THAT CAN  
13 HELP IMPACT THE LIVES OF OUR YOUTH. ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT  
14 THINGS THAT I GOT OUT OF TODAY AND EVEN HEARING FROM ERICK IS  
15 THAT WE SERVE OVER 200 YOUTH YEARLY, HOMELESS YOUTH. AND  
16 BESIDES HAVING CARING ADULTS AND PEOPLE IN THEIR LIVES, ONE OF  
17 THE THINGS THAT THEY REQUEST IS HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES  
18 IN ORDER TO STABILIZE THEM QUICKLY. SO WE SEE THIS REVENUE AS  
19 A MEANS TO HELP HOUSE OUR YOUTH ON OUR PATH TO OUR 2020 GOAL  
20 TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS AS WELL AS IMPACT OUR COMMUNITY PLAN  
21 TO END YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN SOUTH L.A.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE  
24 CALLED UP. YELENA ZELTSER. KRISTEN DAUGHTREY. ROCHELLE MILLS.



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1 WILMA HAYNES. VILMA SEGOVIA. DARIA NUNEZ. GO AHEAD, MA'AM,  
2 THANK YOU.

3

4 **KRISTEN DAUGHTREY:** HI, MY NAME IS KRISTEN DAUGHTREY. I WORK  
5 WITH W.C.L.C. IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES IN THE HOMELESS AND HOUSING  
6 SERVICES DEPARTMENT. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I FEEL LIKE WE  
7 DO A GREAT JOB IN TRYING TO END HOMELESSNESS IN SOUTH L.A.  
8 WHEN I SAY US, I MEAN OUR AGENCY AND ALSO OUR PARTNER  
9 AGENCIES. BUT TO BE REALISTIC IS JUST A DROP IN THE BUCKET IN  
10 WHAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN AS REFLECTED BY THE HOMELESS COUNT  
11 NUMBERS. SO I WOULD SAY WE DO NEED TO MAKE A SIGNIFICANT  
12 INVESTMENT IN SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AND HOUSING RESOURCES IN  
13 ORDER TO MAKE A TRUE IMPACT ON HOMELESSNESS. SO I ENCOURAGE  
14 YOU TO VOTE YES ON SEEKING VOTER APPROVAL TO INCREASE FUNDING  
15 IN THIS AREA. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **YELENA ZELTSER:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS YELENA ZELTSER. I'M  
20 A RESEARCH ANALYST WITH UNITE HERE LOCAL 11. WE ARE A  
21 HOSPITALITY WORKER UNION AND REPRESENT TENS OF THOUSANDS OF  
22 WORKERS IN L.A. AND ORANGE COUNTIES. WE'RE HERE TODAY TO THANK  
23 THE BOARD ON THEIR LEADERSHIP AROUND LAST YEAR AROUND RAISING  
24 THE WAGE. AND THAT IS ONE WAY IN WHICH WE CAN HELP THE FOLKS  
25 IN OUR COUNTY REACH AFFORDABLE HOUSING. BUT OF COURSE WE HAVE



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1 ANOTHER BIG PROBLEM, WHICH IS THE FACT THAT WE DON'T HAVE  
2 SUFFICIENT NUMBERS OF HOUSING THAT'S AFFORDABLE, ESPECIALLY  
3 AFFORDABLE AT VERY LOW INCOME LEVELS THAT RESULTS IN THE  
4 HOMELESSNESS PROBLEM. SO WE'RE HERE IN SUPPORT OF BOTH MOTION  
5 5 AND 1 AND WE WANT TO THANK THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISOR  
6 SOLIS AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL IN MOVING  
7 THOSE MOTIONS FORWARD. WE THANK YOU, THE ENTIRE BOARD, FOR  
8 MOVING FORWARD WITH THESE ISSUES AND FUNDING FOR BOTH BUILDING  
9 HOUSING AND PROVIDING SERVICES FOR HOMELESS. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **ROCHELLE MILLS:** MY NAME IS ROCHELLE MILLS. I'M DIRECTOR OF  
14 HOUSING FOR INNOVATIVE HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, AND PRESIDENT OF  
15 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION  
16 OF NONPROFIT HOUSING. WE REPRESENT 300 ORGANIZATIONS, MOSTLY  
17 NONPROFIT HOUSING DEVELOPERS, AND TENS OF THOUSANDS OF  
18 AFFORDABLE UNITS ACROSS THE STATE AND MAINLY IN SOUTHERN  
19 CALIFORNIA. WE WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT NO. 1 FOR ACCOUNTABILITY  
20 AND EFFICIENCY, AND ITEM NO. 5 FOR RESOURCES THAT ARE  
21 NECESSARY TO DO THE JOB THAT IS BEING ASKED. THE TWO TOGETHER  
22 PROVIDE A MEANS FOR EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES AROUND HOUSING AND  
23 HOMELESSNESS. WE WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KNABE,  
24 KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS AND OFFER S.C.A.N.'S PARTNERSHIP AND



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1 OUR MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT IN WORKING TOGETHER WITH THE  
2 SUPERVISORS TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

5

6 **DARIA NU EZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS DARIA NU EZ. I'M THE  
7 COMMISSIONER OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY FOR LOS ANGELES. I'M  
8 ALSO A MEMBER OF L.A. VOICE. AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT THE  
9 MOTIONS THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS IS SUPPORTING. AND TO SUPPORT  
10 THE MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND THANK YOU FOR  
11 THE WORK THAT SUPERVISOR SHEILA KUEHL IS DOING. I'VE SEEN IN  
12 MY COMMUNITY THE HOMELESSNESS ISSUE GROW. AND ON THIS PATH I  
13 SEE MORE HOMELESS PEOPLE. AND THAT'S WHY WE NEED TO SUPPORT  
14 THIS MOTION. AT THIS RATE, I SEE A LOT OF HOMELESS PEOPLE, AND  
15 IT'S ALSO IMPORTANT TO KNOW HOW TO OPTIMIZE OUR PUBLIC MONIES.  
16 THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER.

19

20 **VILMA SEGOVIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VILMA SEGOVIA. I'M A  
21 PARTICIPANT OF PROYECTO PASTORAL. MY SISTER AND I WERE  
22 HOMELESS FOR SIX MONTHS. IT'S BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR US. WE  
23 WERE WITHOUT WORK. I WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT ITEMS 1 AND 5.  
24 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT ON THESE ITEMS SO THAT WE CAN  
25 CONTINUE AHEAD. YOUR SUPPORT FOR HOUSING, FOOD, MONIES AND



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1 MANY MORE THINGS. WE NEED MORE MONEY TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM IN  
2 LOS ANGELES. IT'S A LARGE PROBLEM AND TAXES FOR MILLIONAIRES  
3 IS CRUCIAL FOR HELPING WITH HOUSING AND UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE IN  
4 OUR COMMUNITY. TO MAKE LOS ANGELES THE SPECIAL CITY THAT IT IS  
5 NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GRACIAS, SENORA. WILMA HAYNES. ANDY  
8 VIZCARRA. SERGIO DAMIAN. GUADALUPE CORTEZ. I'M GOING TO CALL  
9 UP ALSO CHRIS BACA. EVERTINA MEDINA. TIM KORNEGAY. JACK  
10 BARBOUR. STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE. THANK  
11 YOU.

12

13 **ANDY VIZCARRA** HELLO MY NAME IS ANDY VIZCARRA. AND I LIVE IN  
14 PROYECTO PASTORAL. GUADALUPE'S HOMELESS SHELTER FOR THE MEN. I  
15 WANT TO ASK THE BOARD TO PASS THE MOTION 1 AND 5. THERE IS SO  
16 MUCH NEED IN THE HOMELESS COMMUNITY, EVEN FOR FAMILIES WHO ARE  
17 LOW INCOME AND COULD BECOME HOMELESS ANY DAY. WE NEED THE  
18 COUNTY TO MAKE SURE THAT THE MONEY THAT IT'S SPENDING IS  
19 ACTUALLY HELPING TO HOUSE PEOPLE AND TO GIVE THEM THE  
20 RESOURCES THEY NEED TO GET THE JOBS. WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE  
21 THAT THERE IS ENOUGH MONEY. AND THE MILLIONAIRE TAX WILL BE  
22 IMPORTANT TO SECURE THE NEW AND MORE MONEY TO FUND MORE  
23 HOUSING AND SERVICES, ESPECIALLY FOR THE UNDOCUMENTED.

24

25 **>>SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?



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2 **GUADALUPE CORTEZ:** HELLO. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME TALK IN HERE  
3 WITH YOU. MY NAME IS GUADALUPE CORTEZ. I'M PARTICIPANT IN THE  
4 PROJECT PASTORAL GUADALUPE HOMELESS SHELTER FOR MEN AND WOMEN.  
5 I HAVE BEEN HOMELESS FOR A FEW YEARS THROUGH MY MENTAL ILLNESS  
6 AND MY HEALTH PROBLEMS. IT'S BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME. I  
7 KNOW IT IS DIFFICULT TO BE POOR, BUT IT IS WORSE TO BE POOR,  
8 HOMELESS AND UNDOCUMENTED. WE NEED THE CITY AND COUNTY TO  
9 EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAXIMIZE THAT IT IS EXTENDING FOR  
10 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS SO THE MONEY CAN BE SPENT IN SOLUTIONS  
11 THAT HOUSE PEOPLE AND SUPPORT THEM TO GET JOBS AND AFFORDABLE  
12 HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTHCARE. WE ALSO, WE NEED MORE MONEY TO  
13 ELIMINATE YOUR HOMELESS PROBLEM IN L.A. IT IS A BIG PROBLEM.  
14 AND THE TAX FOR MILLIONAIRES IS CRITICAL TO FUND BUILDINGS  
15 AFFORDABLE FOR HOUSING FOR LOW INCOME.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GRACIAS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR  
18 COMING. NEXT SPEAKER?

19

20 **SERGIO DAMIAN:** HELLO. MY NAME IS SERGIO DAMIAN. I STAY IN THE  
21 PROGRAM PROYECTOS PASTORAL GUADALUPE HOMELESS SHELTER FOR MEN  
22 AND WOMEN. I HAVE BEEN HOMELESS FOR THREE MONTHS. IT IS  
23 DIFFICULT. I HAVE A MENTAL ILLNESS. I'M BIPOLAR. AND I AM  
24 DEALING WITH-- AND THEN I'VE BEEN UNEMPLOYED FOR THREE MONTHS.  
25 AND I ALSO AM RECEIVING A LITTLE BIT OF MONEY. FOR THE \$300, I



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1 CAN'T DO TOO MUCH. SO I STILL HAVE TO SUPPORT MY DAUGHTER. AND  
2 I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR A JOB. AND ALSO WE NEED THE COUNTY TO  
3 EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO MAXIMIZE THE SPENDING FOR HOMELESS  
4 INDIVIDUALS SO THE MONEY CAN BE SPENT IN SOLUTION IN HOUSING  
5 WITH PEOPLE TO SUPPORT GETTING JOBS, AFFORDABLE HEALTH, MENTAL  
6 HEALTHCARE, ALSO NEED MONEY TO ELIMINATE THE HOMELESS PROBLEM  
7 IN L.A., BIG PROBLEM, TAX THE MILLIONAIRE, CRITICAL BUILDING,  
8 AFFORDABLE LOW INCOME HOMELESS, UNDOCUMENTED COMMUNITY, L.A.  
9 SPECIAL.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR COMING. NEXT  
12 SPEAKER.

13

14 **JACK BARBOUR:** I'M JACK BARBOUR. I'M A COMMUNITY PSYCHIATRIST  
15 AND I'M THE CHAIR OF THE MENTAL HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE  
16 EMPOWERMENT CONGRESS OF THE SECOND DISTRICT. AND THIS IS A  
17 DYNAMIC PARTNERSHIP AMONG NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS, RESIDENTS,  
18 NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES, RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS  
19 AND COMMUNITY LEADERS WITHIN THE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES OF L.A.'S  
20 SECOND DISTRICT. SO L.A. COUNTY'S AT A PRECIPICE. THE BOARD  
21 HAS CHOSEN TO CREATE A HEALTH AGENCY THAT INTEGRATES HEALTH  
22 AND MENTAL HEALTH. THAT WAS A WISE MOVE; HOWEVER, WITHOUT THE  
23 HOMELESS PIECE AND THE ISSUE OF HOUSING IN THOSE SERVICES, THE  
24 INTEGRATION WILL NOT BE SO SUCCESSFUL. SO THEREFORE THE SOCIAL  
25 DETERMINANTS OF MENTAL HEALTH ARE PROFOUND. AS A PSYCHIATRIST





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1 I CAN TELL YOU THAT SOCIAL DETERMINANTS SUCH AS LACK OF  
2 HOUSING HAS A POWERFUL EFFECT, AND ITS POWERFUL EFFECT IS  
3 SOMETIMES PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY. SO HOUSING FIRST CANNOT HAPPEN  
4 WITHOUT HOUSING. AND WE LOOK TO PARTNER TO SEE HOW WE CAN HIT  
5 THAT 5 PERCENT THAT ARE CAUSING ALL THESE COSTS AND THERE ARE  
6 INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS THAT ARE AVAILABLE.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

9

10 **EVERTINA MEDINA:** HELLO. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE  
11 HERE. MY NAME IS EVERTINA MEDINA. AND I AM PROUD AND HAPPY TO  
12 BE HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU. I AM A CASE MANAGER FOR PROYECTO  
13 PASTORAL WOMAN'S SHELTER. THIS IS A SHELTER FOR WOMEN, SENIOR  
14 WOMEN, 55 AND OLDER. IT WAS JUST A YEAR AND FIVE MONTHS NEW.  
15 WE NEVER THOUGHT THERE WAS A NEED. AND, BOY, YOU KNOW, I'M  
16 HAPPY THAT IT'S AVAILABLE. OUR CITY IS IN CRISIS WITH THE  
17 INCREASE OF HOMELESSNESS ESPECIALLY FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE  
18 FOR OUR SENIOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN. WE NEED MULTIPLE STRATEGIES  
19 TO ADDRESS THE CRISIS. I AM HERE TO SUPPORT THE MOTION NO. 1  
20 AND 5. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT OUR COUNTY-- AND TO INVESTIGATE  
21 THE COST SAVINGS IN THE CURRENT SPENDING OF OUR HOMELESSNESS  
22 INDIVIDUALS. IN ADDITION TO EXPLORING WAYS TO BE MORE  
23 EFFICIENT, THE MILLIONAIRES TAX WOULD BE CRITICAL TO FUNDING  
24 MORE HOUSING AND SERVICES FOR UNDOCUMENTED ANGELINOS, SINCE



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1 FEDERAL RESOURCES USUALLY HAVE A RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT. THANK  
2 YOU SO MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

5

6 **TIM KORNEGAY:** I'D LIKE TO FIRST THANK THE BOARD FOR PROVIDING  
7 THIS OPPORTUNITY. MY NAME IS TIM KORNEGAY AND I'M WITH L.A.  
8 VOICE, A FAITH-BASED, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION THAT  
9 REPRESENTS OVER 55 CONGREGATIONS ACROSS LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
10 I'M ALSO A PERSON WHO'S RECENTLY RETURNED TO THE COMMUNITY  
11 FROM AN EXTENDED STINT OF INCARCERATION. I'VE RETURNED TO  
12 WITNESS THE INCREASE OF HOMELESSNESS, PEOPLE LIVING ON THE  
13 STREETS, UNDER FREEWAY OVERPASSES. MY HEART GOES OUT TO THEM.  
14 THEY'RE UNAWARE OF THEIR STRUGGLES YET CONFRONTED WITH THE  
15 TRAGIC REFLECTION OF THEIR CIRCUMSTANCES AND THAT CREATES A  
16 FEAR FOR ME, MYSELF AND INDIVIDUALS LIKE ME. HOW FAR ARE WE  
17 FROM BEING HOMELESS? HOW WOULD THE ABSENCE OF THESE MUCH  
18 NEEDED RESOURCES IMPACT INDIVIDUALS LIKE ME CONSIDERING OUR  
19 SITUATIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES? HAVING FUNDING TO ADDRESS THIS  
20 CRISIS OF HOMELESSNESS AND LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A  
21 HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE FAMILIES IN THE COMMUNITY, IN THE  
22 COUNTY. AND WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.  
23 AND WE SUPPORT THESE ITEMS.

24



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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WILMA HAYNES. CHRIS BACA.  
2   ANTONEITA ECHERERRIA. BETSY BLANCHARD. KIRK TYLER. AZADEH  
3   HOSSEINIAN. OLIVER BUEI. LUCIA RUIZ. YES, MA'AM, GO AHEAD.

4

5   **AZADEH HOSSEINIAN:** AZADEH HOSSEINIAN. I'M WITH PUBLIC COUNSEL.  
6   AS A NONPROFIT LAW FIRM THAT PROVIDES LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO  
7   INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS, WE STRONGLY  
8   SUPPORT AND APPLAUD THE BOARD IN ITS SUPPORT OF ALL MOTIONS  
9   RELATED TO HOMELESSNESS FUNDING. THE MOTION TO INVESTIGATE  
10   HOMELESS FUNDING EXPENDITURES ALONG WITH THE ECONOMIC ROUND  
11   TABLE REPORTS WILL PROVIDE VERY USEFUL INFORMATION TO THE  
12   COUNTY AS IT IMPLEMENTS ITS COMPREHENSIVE PLAN. WE ALSO  
13   APPLAUD THE BOARD AS IT WORKS QUICKLY TO RESERVE ALL OPTIONS  
14   TO RAISE REVENUES TO DECREASE HOMELESSNESS WITHIN THE  
15   COMMUNITY. AS RECOGNIZED BY THE BOARD LAST WEEK, THE NEED TO  
16   ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS IS MORE DIRE THAN EVER. THE BOARD'S  
17   ACTIONS TODAY, HOWEVER, ARE IMPORTANT STEPS IN REALIZING THE  
18   GOALS OF THE COUNTY'S COMPREHENSIVE HOMELESSNESS PLAN THAT WAS  
19   PASSED ON FEBRUARY 9TH. THANK YOU.

20

21   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MA'AM. NEXT SPEAKER.

22

23   **OLIVER BUEI:** I'M THE REVEREND OLIVER E. BUEI FROM HOLY UNITED  
24   METHODIST CHURCH AND ALSO MEMBER OF L.A. VOICE. I'D LIKE TO  
25   SIT HERE AND STAND AND SUPPORT OF ITEMS NO. 1 AND 5. I THANK



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1 EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR  
2 CONTINUED LEADERSHIP. ALSO WOULD LIKE TO STATE THAT THIS IS A  
3 GOOD FIRST STEP. AND WE REALIZE THAT THIS CONDITION OF  
4 HOMELESSNESS CONTINUES TO CHANGE. AND I BELIEVE THAT ALTHOUGH  
5 WE ARE MOVING FORWARD TODAY, THAT WE CONTINUE TO PAY ATTENTION  
6 TO THE CHANGING TRENDS OF HOMELESSNESS AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO  
7 COMBAT IT. AND ALSO AS A MEMBER OF THE FAITH BASED  
8 ORGANIZATION AND PART OF THE CHURCH, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT  
9 THAT WE WORK TOGETHER, AS WELL, AND SEE HOW WE CAN COME UP  
10 WITH NEW AND INNOVATIVE WAYS TO ADDRESS AND RESOLVE THIS  
11 PROBLEM. AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP  
12 AND VISIONARY LEADERSHIP.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE SARAH DUSSEAUT.  
15 ERICA MERRYMAN. FRANCO VEGA. MARIA SMITH. DAVID HOWDEN. GO  
16 AHEAD, MA'AM.

17

18 **SARAH DUSSEAUT:** HI. I'M SARAH DUSSEAUT. I AM A L.A.H.S.A.  
19 COMMISSIONER APPOINTED BY CHAIR SOLIS. AND I'M ALSO CHIEF OF  
20 STAFF TO COUNCILMEMBER DAVID RYU AND A HOMELESS ADVOCATE. I'M  
21 HERE ACTUALLY BECAUSE MY BROTHER IS ONE OF THE HIGH USERS  
22 WHO'S IN THE PERCENTAGE THAT YOU'RE SPENDING 40 CENTS ON THE  
23 DOLLAR. AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR  
24 KNABE'S MOTION TO LOOK HARDER AT HOW THOSE FUNDS ARE SPENT. I  
25 THINK IT'S CRITICAL FOR US TO COME TO REAL OUTCOMES IF WE LOOK



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1 HARD AT EACH DOLLAR. THE REALITY IS THAT IF WE LOOKED HARDER  
2 AND HOW THE M.H.S.A. FUNDING WAS BEING SPENT IN THE FIRST  
3 PLACE, WE COULD HAVE PUT MORE STRATEGICALLY INTO PREVENTION  
4 AND INTO HOUSING LONG BEFORE THIS \$2 BILLION THAT'S BEING  
5 PROPOSED BY THE LEGISLATURE. AND I THINK THAT SUPERVISOR  
6 KUEHL'S MOTION TO MAKE SURE THAT COULD ALSO BE USED FOR  
7 SERVICES, IT WAS GOING TO BE REALLY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THAT'S  
8 THE HOUSING MONEY, THE SERVICES AND HOUSING MONEY, IS WHAT  
9 BRINGS US THE RESULTS. I WORKED ON THIS FOR A LONG TIME. MY  
10 BROTHER IS STILL ON THE VERGE OF HOMELESSNESS. HE JUST LOST  
11 HIS CONSERVATORSHIP ABOUT SIX WEEKS AGO AND HE IS A MEMBER AND  
12 CONSTITUENT OF THE D.M.H. SYSTEM IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND  
13 CONSTITUENT OF SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S DISTRICT. SO I REALLY  
14 STRONGLY SUPPORT THAT WE LOOK HARD AT HOW THAT MONEY IS SPENT  
15 BECAUSE I THINK THAT'S HOW WE GET TO REAL RESULTS.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANKS A LOT. THANK YOU.

18

19 **FRANCO VEGA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS FRANCO  
20 VEGA. I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FOUNDER OF THE RIGHT WAY  
21 FOUNDATION. WHAT WE DO IS TIE IN MENTAL SERVICES TO EMPLOYMENT  
22 SERVICES SIMULTANEOUSLY FOR FOSTER CARE, TRANSITION AGE YOUTH  
23 AND EMANCIPATED YOUTH. WE ARE HOUSED IN LEIMERT PARK. THAT'S  
24 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT, AND WE HAVE ANOTHER  
25 OFFICE IN THE BOYLE HEIGHTS TECH CENTER IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S



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1 DISTRICT. AND WE'RE IN FULL SUPPORT OF 1 AND 5. WE WANT TO  
2 THANK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SHEILA KUEHL FOR TAKING ON THE  
3 MILLIONAIRE TAX. WE HAVE OVER 300 YOUTH IN OUR PROGRAM AND THE  
4 ONES THAT ARE, FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM, FAILING IN OUR  
5 PROGRAM, THEY HAVE ONE THING IN COMMON: THEY ARE HOMELESS. IT  
6 DOESN'T TAKE A GENIUS TO FIGURE IT OUT. IF WE CAN GET THEM  
7 HOUSED, THEY WILL BE MORE SUCCESSFUL. 50 PERCENT OF FOSTER  
8 CARE YOUTH EMANCIPATE WITH THE FIRST 18 MONTHS OF  
9 EMANCIPATION, AND SINCE THE BOARD CONTROLS D.C.F.S., THESE ARE  
10 ALL YOUR KIDS. AND SINCE THIS IS FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH,  
11 PLEASE TAKE CARE OF YOUR KIDS AND DO THE RIGHT THING. I JUST  
12 THANK YOU GUYS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE ERIC MERRYMAN, MARIA SMITH,  
15 DAVID HOWDEN, WHOM WE CALLED. VIKKI VICKERS. PAHOLA YBARRA.  
16 RUTH SARNOFF. JONATHAN THOMPSON. GENERAL DOGON. GO AHEAD STATE  
17 YOUR NAME.

18

19 **PAHOLA YBARRA:** I'D LIKE TO BEGIN BY THANKING YOU FOR YOUR TIME  
20 FOR TAKING TIME TO LISTEN TO YOU ARE TESTIMONIES ON THIS  
21 URGENT MATTER. MY NAME IS PAHOLA YBARRA, AND I'M THE PROGRAM  
22 COORDINATOR OF A NONPROFIT IN WATTS, CALLED THE WATTS CENTURY  
23 LATINO ORGANIZATION. TODAY I'M NOT ONLY SPEAKING FOR MYSELF  
24 BUT ON BEHALF OF OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF 25 YEARS, ARTURO  
25 YBARRA, WHO WASN'T ABLE TO MAKE IT TODAY DUE TO HEALTH ISSUES.



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1 THE HOMELESS ISSUE IN LOS ANGELES IS AN EPIDEMIC. AND IT NEEDS  
2 TO BE ADDRESSED AS SUCH. THE ADDITION OF THE FUNDS THAT CAME  
3 THROUGH THIS PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE AN EXTRAORDINARY IMPACT ON  
4 THOSE IN OUR STREETS. POOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE EITHER FALLEN ONTO  
5 HARD TIMES, NEED MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT THEY CAN'T AFFORD OR  
6 CAN'T GET ON THEIR OWN AND CAN USE ALL THE ASSISTANCE THEY  
7 COULD GET. THE FUNDS COULD PROVIDE PROGRAMS THAT WILL HELP  
8 THEM GET OFF THE STREETS AND BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.  
9 IMAGINE THE ECONOMIC IMPACT IT WOULD HAVE ON OUR CITY IF ALL  
10 OF THE HOMELESS PEOPLE IN OUR STREETS BECAME WORKERS, PAYING  
11 TAXES AND CONTRIBUTING TO OUR COMMUNITY. I CAN UNDERSTAND THE  
12 RESISTANCE AND THE URGE TO SAY, WELL WHY SHOULD THE MORE  
13 SUCCESSFUL BE TAXED MORE? WELL, WHAT IS A SMALL PERCENTAGE OF  
14 THE MILLIONS THAT ARE BEING MADE BY THOSE WHO WOULD BE TAXED  
15 FROM THIS PROPOSAL? DON'T WE ALL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO LIFT  
16 EACH OTHER UP IF WE HAVE THE MEANS TO DO SO?

17

18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

19

20 **PAHOLA YBARRA:** THAT BEING SAID, ON BEHALF OF THE W.C.L.O., WE  
21 RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND URGE YOU TO VOTE IN  
22 FAVOR OF THE RIDLEY-THOMAS KUEHL PROPOSAL. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

25





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1   **RUTH SARNOFF.**: MY NAME IS RUTH SARNOFF. I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE  
2   MILLIONAIRES INITIATIVE. I SUPPORT IT FOR THE NOVEMBER 7TH  
3   BALLOT BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN THERE'S THE MOST VOTERS. IT'S A NO  
4   BRAINER. I ALSO SUPPORT AND I THINK WHATEVER THE VARIATION OF  
5   THE KNABE, HILDA SOLIS INITIATIVE, I WANTED ALSO TO TALK A  
6   MOMENT ABOUT THE FLOW OF MORE PEOPLE INTO HOMELESSNESS BECAUSE  
7   WE CONTINUALLY ARE SEEING THE EVICTION OF BOTH RENTERS AND  
8   HOMEOWNERS. THEY FILL UP THE SPOTS AS WE TRY TO MOVE FORWARD.  
9   ALSO ON A STATE LEVEL, I THINK WE NEED MAYBE A MILLIONAIRES  
10   TAX ON A STATE LEVEL. AND A WALK THROUGH SKID ROW I THINK  
11   TODAY, WOULD TELL YOU THAT THIS IS A COMMUNITY THAT NEEDS AN  
12   EMERGENCY RECOMMENDATION FROM THE STATE ON BEING ABLE TO HAVE  
13   SOMETHING THERE. THANK YOU.

14

15   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER?

16

17   **SPEAKER:** AS CHAIR OF THE S.P.A. 6 COALITION AND CO-CHAIR OF  
18   THE L.A. COALITION ENDING HOMELESSNESS WE'D LIKE TO THANK YOU  
19   FOR THE HISTORIC DECISION TO COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. ON TUESDAY  
20   FEBRUARY 9TH, YOU UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED A SWEEPING PLAN TO  
21   REDUCE HOMELESSNESS. YOUR ACTIONS SHOWED US THAT TACKLING  
22   HOMELESSNESS IS A PRIORITY. SO WE THANK YOU FOR THE PROMISE  
23   THAT YOU WOULD DEVOTE THE RESOURCES, THE TIME, THE ENERGY AND  
24   THE HEART TO TACKLING HOMELESSNESS. FEBRUARY 9TH WAS A  
25   HISTORIC DAY. AND TODAY WILL BE ANOTHER HISTORIC DAY. TODAY



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1 WILL AFFIRM THAT COMMITMENT AND HOPE FROM THE DIVERSE  
2 COMMUNITIES, STAKEHOLDERS, AGENCIES, RESIDENTS AND ALL THE  
3 OTHERS THAT ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED TO CREATE STRATEGIES TO  
4 COMBAT HOMELESSNESS. EVERYONE SPENT COUNTLESS HOURS UNDER THE  
5 HOPE THAT THIS SEASON IS DIFFERENT, THAT THIS TIME WE HAVE A  
6 BOARD THAT IS WILLING TO DO WHAT MANY BELIEVED WAS IMPOSSIBLE,  
7 THAT THIS TIME THE BOARD HAS LOCKED ARMS WITH ALL OF US,  
8 SHOULDER TO SHOULDER, TO ENSURE THAT THE RESOURCES AND SUPPORT  
9 WILL BE THERE IN THE YEARS TO COME.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. VERY GOOD. JOHN VELASCO.  
12 KELVIN SAULS. JOJO SMITH. NYABINGI KUTI. QUEEN SEARLES. YES,  
13 SIR.

14

15 **KELVIN SAULS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS REVEREND  
16 KELVIN SAULS. I SERVE AS A SENIOR PASTOR AT HOME WAY UNITED  
17 METHODIST CHURCH. IT WAS A JOY FOR ME TO HAVE SOME OF OUR  
18 MEMBERS FROM OUR SOCIAL ACTION AND ADVOCACY MINISTRY HERE WITH  
19 US. I ALSO SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
20 SOUTH L.A. HOMELESS STATE COLLABORATIVE AND SOME OF OUR BOARD  
21 MEMBERS WERE HERE TODAY. THROUGH THAT COLLABORATIVE, WE SEEK  
22 TO WORK HARD THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY PLAN OF  
23 ACTION FOR THE REDUCTION AND ELIMINATION OF HOMELESSNESS AMONG  
24 TRANSITION AGE YOUTH. ALSO A LEADER WITH L.A. VOICE AND A  
25 COMMISSIONER ON L.A.H.S.A. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION



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1 FOR THE LEADERSHIP OF SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KNABE AROUND  
2 MOTION 1 AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL ON  
3 MOTION NO. 5. THESE TWO MOTIONS BRING TOGETHER FOR US  
4 TRANSPARENCY TO CURRENT RESOURCES, AS WELL AS ACCESSIBILITY TO  
5 AND THE POSSIBILITY FOR NEW AND SUSTAINABLE RESOURCES. THE  
6 SYNERGY BETWEEN MOTIONS 1 AND 5 IS A DEMONSTRATION OF WHAT CAN  
7 HAPPEN AND WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH COURAGEOUS AND  
8 COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP IN ADDRESSING THE URGENT CHALLENGE OF  
9 HOMELESSNESS. MOTION 1 AND 5 WILL CONTINUE TO FACILITATE  
10 CREATIVE AND REAL SOLUTIONS AS WE MARCH TOWARDS THE BELOVED  
11 COMMUNITY CHARACTERIZED BY A MORE JUST AND FAIR SOCIETY. THANK  
12 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SIR. YES, MA'AM.

15

16 **QUEEN SEARLES:** HI, I'M HONORED TO BE HERE. I WANT TO THANK  
17 ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR REACHING OUT TO  
18 US ON SOCIAL MEDIA AND MAKING THIS THROUGH EMAIL. I'M JUST  
19 GRATEFUL TO BE HERE. MY NAME IS QUEEN SEARLES AND I'M HERE  
20 BECAUSE I SUPPORT WHAT YOU'RE DOING. BUT I'M GLAD TO KNOW  
21 ABOUT THE ACCOUNTABILITY BECAUSE SOME OF THESE LAWS ARE BEING  
22 MISUSED. I'VE TAUGHT SCHOOL FOR OVER 30 YEARS. I'M HOMELESS  
23 NOW. I'VE BEEN HOMELESS FOR LIKE THREE YEARS. BUT I'M THE  
24 EPITOME OF HOMELESS DUE TO A 50/150. AND I WAS HELD SO LONG  
25 THAT MY R.V. THAT I WAS LIVING IN AND SELF-SUSTAINING MYSELF



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1 WAS IMPOUNDED AND I CANNOT GET IT BACK. I WANT TO APPROACH THE  
2 HONORABLE MEMBERS TO ADD TO WHAT YOU'RE DOING WITH THE  
3 WEALTHY. THE TAX IS GOOD BUT I THINK WE SHOULD OFFER AN  
4 INCENTIVE, AS WELL, FOR THE WEALTHY PEOPLE TO ADOPT OR RESCUE  
5 A HOMELESS PERSON. AN INCENTIVE WILL GIVE THEM DIRECT ACCESS  
6 TO SEE WHERE THEIR MONEY IS GOING. AND THEY CAN DIRECTLY HELP  
7 A PERSON WITHOUT THE PROCESS THAT IT TAKES TO BRING PEOPLE OUT  
8 OF HOMELESSNESS. SO PLEASE CONSIDER THAT. AND I WOULD BE  
9 WILLING TO WORK WITH IT. AND I WANT TO LEAVE MY CURRICULUM  
10 VITAE SO YOU CAN-- ANYBODY CAN LOOK AT IT AND SEE THE KIND OF  
11 PERSON THAT I AM. NOT WORTHY OF A 50/150 AND THE LOWEST LEVEL  
12 OF HOMELESSNESS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR TIME AND FOR  
13 INVITING US.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **ERNESTO YANES:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ERNESTO YANES ARNOLD. I AM  
18 EMANCIPATED FOSTER YOUTH, BETTER KNOWN AS TRANSITIONAL-AGE  
19 YOUTH. I WAS ABLE TO BEAT HOMELESSNESS BY HAVING A GOOD  
20 SUPPORT SYSTEM. NOW I'M CURRENTLY TAKING SOME COLLEGE COURSES  
21 AT L.A. TRADE TECH SO I CAN TRANSFER TO A UNIVERSITY TO EARN A  
22 MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK. MY DREAM IS TO WORK FOR L.A.  
23 COUNTY TO HELP END HOMELESSNESS AND SUPPORT EDUCATION FOR  
24 OTHER YOUTH. BUT I AM JUST ONE OF MANY OTHER YOUTH THAT MADE  
25 IT. THOUSANDS OF MY PEERS FROM MY AGE GROUP ARE STILL



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1 HOMELESS. I SUPPORT THE MILLIONAIRE TAX BY SUPERVISOR THOMAS  
2 AND KUEHL. THANK YOU AND HAPPY FOSTER CARE AWARENESS MONTH.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** PETE WHITE. VERONICA LEWIS. KRUTI  
5 PAREKH. ISADORA LOPEZ. RICHARD REED.

6

7 **VERONICA LEWIS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS WE  
8 ALL KNOW, HOMELESSNESS IS A COMPLEX ISSUE THAT REQUIRES A  
9 COMPREHENSIVE RESOLUTION. CONSEQUENTLY, THERE ARE MULTIPLE  
10 FACES OF HOMELESSNESS AS WE'VE SEEN AND HEARD TODAY, AND WE  
11 NEED A ROBUST MENU OF SERVICES AND MULTIPLE APPROACHES TO  
12 SUCCESSFULLY GET THE UNHOUSED RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY OFF THE  
13 STREET. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR LEAP OF  
14 FAITH WITH THESE TWO IMPORTANT ITEMS TODAY. I SUPPORT ITEMS 1  
15 AND 5. I'M HOPEFUL THAT THE DOLLARS GENERATED WHEN THE VOTERS  
16 PASS THE TAX IN NOVEMBER WILL ALLOW US TO CONTINUE THE  
17 INNOVATIVE EFFORTS IN CLIENT INTERVENTIONS SUCH AS C.E.S. TO  
18 RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR A MULTIFACETED APPROACH TO ENDING  
19 HOMELESSNESS FOR ALL POPULATIONS. THE GROUNDWORK BEING DONE  
20 NOW CAN ONLY PROVIDE REPRIEVE TO A HANDFUL OF THE HANDFUL OF  
21 TENS OF THOUSANDS OF SINGLE ADULTS, FAMILIES, CHILDREN, BABIES  
22 AND OLDER ADULTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS IN THIS COUNTY.  
23 WHILE I APPLAUD THE BOARD'S REMARKABLE FINANCIAL COMMITMENT  
24 FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR, IF OUR GOAL IS TO ULTIMATELY  
25 SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE HOMELESSNESS IN THIS REGION, WE



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1 ABSOLUTELY MUST CREATE AN ONGOING FUNDING STREAM TO  
2 EXPONENTIALLY INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF RESOURCES DEDICATED TO  
3 RESOLVING THIS HUMANITY CRISIS AND THE PROPOSED MILLIONAIRES  
4 TAX IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. LASTLY, I LOOK FORWARD  
5 TO THE RESULTS OF THE STUDY RELATED TO MOTION 1 AND I'M  
6 HOPEFUL THAT THE LONG-TERM OUTCOME IS THAT THE HOMELESS  
7 RELATED SERVICES AND RESOURCES ATTACHED TO THE COUNTY  
8 DEPARTMENTS IN QUESTION CAN BE REVAMPED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:  
9 TO PROVIDE MORE EFFICIENT, SEAMLESS PROCESSES TO REDUCE  
10 BARRIERS FOR HOMELESS, DELIVER SERVICES IN A WAY THAT IS NOT  
11 DESIGNED TO PERPETUATE THE PROBLEM BUT INSTEAD MINIMIZE THE  
12 SYSTEMATIC BUREAUCRACY RACISM AND POVERTY THAT CONTRIBUTES TO  
13 PEOPLE BECOMING HOMELESS, PROVIDE A TRUE INTEGRATED APPROACH  
14 THAT REDUCES THE OCCURRENCE OF HOMELESS HOUSEHOLDS HAVING TO  
15 ANSWER THE SAME QUESTIONS FIVE DIFFERENT TIMES IN FOUR  
16 DIFFERENT OFFICES AND JUMP THROUGH SEVEN DIFFERENT HOOPS TO  
17 GET REAL HELP AND ULTIMATELY TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENT OF  
18 HOMELESSNESS.

19

20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU NEED TO GIVE US YOUR  
21 NAME.

22

23 **VERONICA LEWIS:** VERONICA LEWIS WITH SPECIAL SERVICE GROUPS AND  
24 CO-FOUNDER OF THE [INAUDIBLE] HOMELESS COALITION.

25



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GOOD JOB. NEXT SPEAKER.

2

3 **ISIDRO LEPEZ:** MY NAME IS ISIDRO LEPEZ. I REALLY LIKE TO THANK  
4 YOU ALL THE SUPERVISOR BOARD. I AM ASSOCIATE PASTOR FROM  
5 DOLORES MISSION AND ALSO MEMBER OF L.A. VOICE. AND I COME HERE  
6 BECAUSE WE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND MYSELF AS ALL OF US WITNESS  
7 HOMELESSNESS PEOPLE LIVING UNDER THE STREETS AND BRIDGES  
8 OVERPASS. IN OUR PARISH, WE ALSO SERVE AS A SHELTER FOR WOMEN  
9 AND MEN. WE'D REALLY LIKE TO SUPPORT THE ADDRESS THE  
10 HOMELESSNESS, LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND HIGH PRIORITY FOR  
11 OUR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY IN THE COUNTY. I AM HERE ALSO TO  
12 SUPPORT THE MOTIONS OF THE SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND KNABE. AND  
13 ALSO TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL THAT THE  
14 MOTION 1 AND 5 WILL BE A BENEFIT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES AND  
15 COMMONWEALTH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19 **KRUTI PAREKH:** HI. GREETINGS. MY NAME IS KRUTI PAREKH AND I'M  
20 IN ULTIMATE SUPPORT OF BOTH MEASURES THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT  
21 TODAY AND REALLY APPRECIATE THE LEADERSHIP ON THE BOARD. AND  
22 THEN EXPECT OF COURSE BECAUSE IT'S SUCH A GREAT IDEA AND THEN  
23 ACCOUNTABILITY IS WIELDED IN AND OBVIOUS AMAZING COMMUNITY  
24 SUPPORT THAT IT WOULD BE UNANIMOUS. ALL FIVE WOULD JUST  
25 SUPPORT BOTH WITHOUT ANY QUESTION. THE OTHER PIECE ESPECIALLY,





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1 AROUND THE ACCOUNTABILITY AND MAKING SURE THAT OUR DOLLARS ARE  
2 BEING SPENT WISELY, I ALWAYS THINK ABOUT THE CONCEPT OF  
3 TRANSFORMATIVE JUSTICE. THE THINGS THAT ARE HARMING OUR  
4 COMMUNITY TO REDUCE THAT DOWN AND TO REALLY BALANCE OUR BUDGET  
5 IN A WAY THAT THE BEST, THE MOST USEFUL, THE MOST EFFECTIVE  
6 ARE PUT INTO PLACE. SO AS WE'RE THINKING ABOUT DOLLARS, PLEASE  
7 DON'T SPEND ANY MORE DOLLARS ON POLICE OR INCARCERATION. THAT  
8 IS TRAUMATIC TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS. AND I ALSO JUST REALLY KEEP  
9 IN MIND CHARLIE AFRICA AND IZEL FORD WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED BY  
10 THE POLICE INSTEAD OF HELPED BY THE INCREDIBLE COMMUNITY  
11 BEHIND US TODAY. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **CHRISTINA VERHAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MY NAME  
16 IS CHRISTINA VERHAN AND I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF REVEREND  
17 REED, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FIRST TO SERVE. UNFORTUNATELY  
18 REVEREND REED HAD TO LEAVE DUE TO A PRIOR ENGAGEMENT. HOWEVER,  
19 HE WANTED TO LET YOU THAT FIRST TO SERVE IS IN FULL SUPPORT  
20 FOR MOTIONS 1 AND 5. FIRST TO SERVE, PLEASE STAND UP. LASTLY,  
21 I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR TAKING TIME OUT  
22 OF HIS BUSY SCHEDULE TO VISIT OUR ACTIVATION SHELTER THIS PAST  
23 WINTER. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** RAISE THE ROOF, FOLKS. PETE WHITE.  
2 KEI UTSUMI. JOHN WALSH. JOHN CAGER. SEAMUS HURLEY. RICARDO  
3 PULIDO.

4  
5 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOOD HIGHLANDS.ORG OR  
6 JWALSH CONFIDENTIAL RIGHT HERE. I CAME TO L.A. IN 1966 BEFORE  
7 MOST OF YOU WERE BORN. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT L.A. C.C.,  
8 DO YOU KNOW WHAT THE TUITION WAS AT L.A. C.C. IN 1966? ZERO.  
9 AND NOW HILLARY SAYS IT'S IMPOSSIBLE. ONLY BERNIE SANDERS  
10 SAYS, YES, WE CAN. AND I'LL TELL YOU THE TUITION AT U.C.L.A.  
11 WASN'T MUCH HIGHER. HOMELESSNESS INCREASES BECAUSE OF THE GAP  
12 BETWEEN RICH AND POOR. THE GAP THEN WAS VERY SMALL. THE GAP  
13 NOW IS GETTING BIGGER AND BIGGER AND BIGGER. ASK BERNIE  
14 SANDERS. AND THAT'S WHY L.A. C.C. IN THE '60S AND '70S WAS  
15 FREE. AND AS FAR AS THE RIGHT TO SPEAK HERE. DON'T THANK THEM.  
16 THANK THE STATE. JUDGE CONNELLY WHO RULED THAT WE HAD THE  
17 RIGHT TO SPEAK. HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

18  
19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

20  
21 **RICARDO PULIDO:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE GOVERNOR HILDA SOLIS  
22 AND TO ALL OF OUR BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS RICARDO PULIDO.  
23 I'M AN ENVIRONMENTALIST AND LONG- TIME MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE.  
24 I SPOKE TO SEVERAL OF YOUR OFFICES REGARDING THIS MATTER. I  
25 SUPPORT THE HOMELESS MOVEMENT DIGNITY ACT THAT WE ARE



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1 IMPLEMENTING HERE IN THE SOUTH BAY AREA. I HAVE WITH ME TODAY  
2 A COUPLE POINTS THAT I'D LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU. I KNOW MY  
3 TIME IS LIMITED. SO I'LL SHOW MY SAFETY SHIELD THAT WE'RE  
4 GOING UTILIZE SO LAW ENFORCEMENT WILL BE ABLE TO WORK WITH OUR  
5 COMMUNITIES BETTER. I DEVISED THIS. IT'S A SOLID SAFETY SHIELD  
6 THAT WOULD AFFORD OFFICERS HOLDING IT THEY CAN CORRAL AND HELP  
7 THAT PERSON GET TO THE HOSPITAL WHERE THEY NEED THEIR HELP. I  
8 HAVE A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH STIGMA FREE LIFE SAVERS  
9 PROGRAM. IT'S 7 POINTS, MINIMUM USE-OF-FORCE STRATEGY,  
10 COMMUNITY COLLABORATION WITH THE D.A.'S OFFICE, THE SHERIFF  
11 DEPARTMENT AND D.M.H. THIS L.A. COUNTYWIDE PROGRAM WOULD SAVE  
12 LIVES. THE 88 SMALL CITIES WE NEED TO DO IS DEESCALATE AND  
13 BRING PEACEFUL METHODS TO OUR PEACE OFFICERS SO THEY CAN DO  
14 THEIR JOB AND PROTECTING IN SERVING OUR COMMUNITY. I HAVE THIS  
15 PLAN IN PROPOSAL. I'D LIKE TO IMPLEMENT IT WITH YOUR  
16 BLESSINGS. I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE IT WITH YOU HERE IN THE SOUTH  
17 BAY. WE WILL START IT AT THE CARSON SHERIFF'S STATION. I THINK  
18 THIS WOULD BE A WAY TO GO NOW AS ONE OF THE METHODS WE HAVE A  
19 WORKGROUP SO THAT WE CAN GET TOGETHER AND ACTUALLY SIT DOWN  
20 AND WORK ON HOW WE CAN HELP OUR HOMELESS PEOPLE GET TO THE  
21 NEED OF THE CRISIS SITUATIONS THAT THEY'RE IN. I HAVE FAMILY  
22 MEMBERS AND I WORK WITH THE HOMELESS AND WITH THE COMMUNITY  
23 MENTAL HEALTH. AND I URGE YOU PLEASE, I WILL LEAVE YOU-- I  
24 HAVE MY BROCHURES AND HAVE THE COPIES OF THE PROPOSAL.

25



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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE'LL PASS THOSE AROUND.

2    THANK YOU, SIR.

3

4    **RICARDO PULIDO:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

5

6    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** REBA STEVENS. CEDRIC BROWN.

7    JACQUELYNN HAWTHORNE. STEVEN ROGERS. M.C. HARRIS. ROBERT

8    HAMILTON. SYLVIA TOLLES COTTON. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

9

10   **REBA STEVENS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I FIRST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU. I  
11   WAS HERE LAST WEEK. AND I WAS NOT HAPPY WHEN I LEFT. BUT MY  
12   NAME IS REBA STEVENS AND I AM A FORMERLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL  
13   WHO HAS SPENT OVER THE LAST YEAR IN SUPPORT OF MY SUPERVISOR,  
14   MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S INITIATIVE, HOMELESS INITIATIVE. AND I AM  
15   HERE TODAY TO SUPPORT ITEM NO. 1 AND NO. 5. TODAY-- I RECALL  
16   JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO PARTICIPATING IN A FOCUS GROUP WITH THE  
17   LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICE AUTHORITY AND THE LOS ANGELES  
18   COUNTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE AS WE, THOSE OF US WITH LIVED  
19   EXPERIENCE, HELP TO CREATE THE HOMELESS INITIATIVE REPORT. ON  
20   TWO OCCASIONS I WAS ASKED TO SPEAK TO THE L.A.H.S.A.'S  
21   COMMISSIONERS SHARING MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE AS A HOMELESS  
22   INDIVIDUAL AND MY EXPERIENCE AS A PARTICIPANT IN THE FOCUS  
23   GROUP. I RECALL THE DAY THAT THE REPORT WAS APPROVED BY THE  
24   BOARD AND OUR ARTWORK WAS ON DISPLAY AND A VIDEO WAS VIEWED OF  
25   SELECTED PARTICIPANT IN OUR FOCUS GROUP SHARING THEIR HOMELESS



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1 EXPERIENCE BEFORE THE WORLD AND YOU. WE'RE ALL IN AWE AND  
2 SHOWED APPRECIATION FOR THEIR COURAGE. THE HEALTH AGENCY WAS  
3 SOON APPROVED WITH 8 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES, ONE OF WHICH IS  
4 HOMELESS. AS A MEMBER OF THE INTEGRATION ADVISORY BOARD, AS A  
5 MEMBER OF THE HOMELESS ADVISORY BOARD, UNDER THE DIRECTIVES OF  
6 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE, I ASK YOU TO  
7 SUPPORT THIS MOTION BECAUSE I, TOO, SUPPORTED THE HEALTH  
8 AGENCY. I, TOO, SUPPORT DR. KATZ. AND I DO BELIEVE THAT THIS  
9 IS THE ANSWER TO MAKING INTEGRATED CARE WORK. I AM A SOLE  
10 SUPPORTER OF HOMELESSNESS. I AM ALSO WORK WITH THE COLD WINTER  
11 SHELTERS, THE EMERGENCY SHELTERS. I AM MEMBER OF EMPOWERMENT  
12 AND CONGRESS MENTAL HEALTH AND HOMELESS COMMITTEE. AND I JUST  
13 WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, BECAUSE I'M BELIEVING IN YOU THIS TIME.  
14 THIS TUESDAY I AM BELIEVING THAT YOU ARE ALL GOING TO SUPPORT  
15 THIS MOTION. IT IS MOST IMPORTANT. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER? GO AHEAD,  
18 MA'AM. WELCOME.

19

20 **JACQUELYNN HAWTHORNE:** IS IT APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO DIRECT MY  
21 REMARKS TO TWO OF THE SUPERVISORS? OKAY.

22

23 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, THOUGH.

24



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1    **JACQUELYNN HAWTHORNE:** MY NAME IS JACKIE HAWTHORN, A LONG TIME  
2    RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, A RETIRED COUNTY EMPLOYEE, A  
3    CONSUMMATE VOLUNTEER. SUPERVISORS KNABE AND ANTONOVICH, IN OUR  
4    COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, TRANSLATED COUNTY OF THE ANGELS, THE  
5    PLIGHT OF THE HOMELESS IS DEPLORABLE, DISGRACEFUL AND A  
6    DISCREDIT TO ALL GOD-FEARING ANGELINOS. THE COMMUNITY OF  
7    HOMELESS IS NOT A COMMUNITY OF SLACKERS OR MENTALLY ILL OR  
8    DRUG-ADDICTED. IT IS A COMMUNITY THAT INCLUDES INDIVIDUALS,  
9    VETERANS, ADULT MEN AND WOMEN, CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES.  
10   THIS COMMUNITY DESERVES OUR HELP BECAUSE THEY ARE OUR  
11   NEIGHBORS, OUR NEIGHBORS WHO HAVE FALLEN ON HARD TIMES. THE  
12   SCRIPTURES TELL US TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS AS OURSELVES. THIS  
13   MOTION HELPS US LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS. A MODEST TAX ON THE  
14   WEALTHIEST OF US ON BEHALF OF THE LEAST OF US IS DOABLE AND A  
15   STRUCTURE IN PLACE TO TRACK THE HOMELESSNESS DOLLARS IS  
16   WORKABLE. YOU'VE HEARD ALL THE SUPPORTIVE STATS, REPORTS AND  
17   TESTIMONIES. I DON'T NEED TO REPEAT ANY OF THOSE. I URGE YOU,  
18   I URGE YOU, TO JOIN YOUR COLLEAGUES AND MAKE IT A UNANIMOUS  
19   VOTE. VOTE YES BECAUSE IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO FOR OUR  
20   NEIGHBORS AND FOR OUR COUNTY OF ANGELS. THANK YOU.

21

22   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT  
23   SPEAKER.

24



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1   **M.C. HARRIS:** HELLO. MY NAME IS M.C. HARRIS. AND I'M ALSO IN  
2   RECOVERY. FELLOWSHIP A LOT IN RECOVERY. I'VE BEEN A COUNTY  
3   EMPLOYEE FOR NINE YEARS, COMMUNITY WORKER WITH DEPARTMENT OF  
4   MENTAL HEALTH. AND I FOUND MYSELF HOMELESS THREE YEARS AGO.  
5   PRIOR TO MY RECOVERY I HAD EXPERIENCED HOMELESSNESS. AND THEN  
6   NOW, BEING A NINE-YEAR EMPLOYEE, 2013 WAS HOMELESSNESS, BEING  
7   AN INDIVIDUAL THAT WAS HELPING PEOPLE GET HOUSING, AND I  
8   EMAILED A LOT OF THE HOUSING NAVIGATORS. AND THAT LOOSENED ME  
9   UP SO I COULD HELP MYSELF AND MY SON, SO WE FOUND A PLACE.  
10   THIS HOMELESS CRISIS AS WHAT H.U.D. SAID, WE SHOULD REALLY  
11   TAKE IT SERIOUS BECAUSE IT'S REAL TOXIC. EVEN WITH ME BEING IN  
12   THIS FORUM AS WE SPEAK JUST TO GET TO THIS POINT, IT JUST  
13   MAKES IT MORE EVEN TOXIC. MORE TOXIC LIKE IT'S LIKE WASTE OF  
14   TIME. LIKE I NEED TO GET ON THE BALL. GET IT ROLLING, HAVE  
15   EVERYBODY IN PLACE TO TACKLE AND JUST END HOMELESSNESS.

16

17   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

18

19   **STEVEN ROGERS:** MY NAME IS STEVE ROGERS WITH DIGNITY AND POWER  
20   NOW. ALSO COALITION ON SHERIFF VIOLENCE. WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT  
21   THE NUMBERS THAT MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SHEILA KUEHL PUT  
22   TOGETHER. IT'S REALLY GREAT TO BE HERE TODAY BECAUSE SO MANY  
23   TIMES WE COME HERE TO DEMAND SOMETHING FROM YOU GUYS OR INSIST  
24   ON SOMETHING THAT WE FEEL THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE BUT YOU GUYS  
25   HAVE TAKEN INITIATIVE TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. BECAUSE WE SEE THAT





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1 HOMELESSNESS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS AT A CRITICAL MASS. AND  
2 IT'S A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE. YOU  
3 GUYS HAVE REALLY GONE OUT OF YOUR WAY. I MEAN MORE THAN THEY  
4 REALIZE, PEOPLE COME HERE AND THE AUDIENCE WAS FULL OF  
5 DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES REPRESENTED. AND THAT WAS A LARGE PART  
6 IN THE EFFORT OF YOUR OFFICES REACHING OUT TO PEOPLE AND  
7 BRINGING US HERE. YOU KNOW, I WAS WONDERING WHY YOU GUYS HAVE  
8 WORKED SO HARD TO BRING IN THE COMMUNITY. AND IT OCCURRED TO  
9 ME THAT AT SOME POINT, ONCE THE MONEY COMES IN, YOU NEED HANDS  
10 TO PASS IT OUT. YOU NEED FEET TO BRING IT TO THE PEOPLE THAT  
11 ARE HUNGRY. THIS COMMUNITY, THE REASON 200 PEOPLE REFUSED TO  
12 YIELD THE FLOOR EVEN THOUGH SUPERVISOR KNABE MENTIONED, YOU  
13 HAVE THE VOTES. YOU DON'T NEED US TO DO THIS. WE WANTED YOU TO  
14 KNOW THAT WHEN WE HAVE A BOARD THAT IS WILLING TO DO WHAT'S  
15 RIGHT THAT HAS THE COURAGE TO STAND UP FOR HAD WHAT IS NEEDED,  
16 THE COMMUNITY WILL STAND BEHIND YOU AND WE'RE HERE FOR YOU.  
17 THANK YOU.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE SEVERAL OTHER SPEAKERS.  
20 MARILYN HILL. IRLANDA GONZALES. SAMUEL BROWN. ERNESTO YANES.  
21 NORRIS BYRD. PAULA CLAMURRO. ERIC PREVEN. WELCOME. JUST STATE  
22 YOUR NAME MA'AM.

23

24 **PAULA CLAMURRO:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PAULA CLAMURRO AND  
25 I'M WITH NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES. AND I WORK WITH VETERANS



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1 PARTICULARLY. MANY OF THE INDIVIDUALS THAT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL  
2 SERVICES SUPPORT INCLUDE FOLKS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED  
3 HOMELESSNESS, HOUSING INSTABILITY, INCOME INSTABILITY. AND  
4 NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THE C.E.O.'S  
5 HOMELESS INITIATIVE UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF PHIL ANSELL TO  
6 CRAFT EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS TO COMBAT THE RISING LEVEL OF  
7 HOMELESSNESS IN OUR COUNTY. WE APPLAUD THE BOARD'S EFFORTS TO  
8 DATE AND SUPPORT ITS LEADERSHIP AS REFLECTED IN THE TWO  
9 PENDING MOTIONS ON TODAY'S AGENDA. WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO  
10 ACT EXPEDITIOUSLY TO FIND NEW SOLUTIONS AND CORRESPONDING NEW  
11 REVENUE TO SUPPORT THE SERVICES NECESSARY TO END HOMELESSNESS.  
12 NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE THERE IN  
13 PARTNERSHIP WITH YOU. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED LEADERSHIP.

14

15 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE HAVE JOSE LIMON. OSCAR  
16 MOHAMMAD. FRAN SERESERES WHO'S IN LANCASTER. AND SYLVIA  
17 HERNANDEZ. GO AHEAD, OSCAR.

18

19 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** MY NAME IS OSCAR MOHAMMAD. I SPEAK FOR THE  
20 POOR. I SPEAK FOR THE POOR AND I SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING. I  
21 SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING. LET ME COME BACK AGAIN. LET ME COME  
22 BACK AGAIN. LET HER TALK.

23

24 **SYLVIA HERNANDEZ:** MY NAME IS SYLVIA HERNANDEZ. AND I'M A  
25 FORMER HOMELESS WOMAN. I DON'T COME FROM ALL THE STATISTICS.



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1 I'M HERE JUST TO BE SURE THAT, AS SOMEBODY SAID, THE MONEY CAN  
2 BE WELL SPENDED IN ALL THE SERVICES. BUT EFFICIENTLY BY  
3 TRAINING, SENSITIZING THE PEOPLE. IT'S NOT JUST SERVING THE  
4 HOMELESS. YOU HAVE TO BE CONSCIOUS THAT THERE'S A LOT OF  
5 PEOPLE WITH MENTAL DISADVANTAGES AND PHYSICAL DISADVANTAGES.  
6 SO BE SURE THE PEOPLE WHO'S GOING TO SERVE DO IT EFFICIENTLY,  
7 ESPECIALLY THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. I WAS WITNESSING A LOT OF  
8 INCONSISTENCIES TOWARDS THE MENTALLY ILL ON THE STREETS. AND  
9 THAT'S WHY I CAME HERE. I JUST WANT TO BE SURE THAT  
10 EVERYBODY'S ON THE SAME PAGE AND THUS EVERYBODY DO THE RIGHT  
11 THING. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY.

14

15 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** MY NAME IS OSCAR. I SPEAK FOR THE OPPRESSED. I  
16 SPEAK FOR THE STRUGGLING POOR AND I SPEAK FOR CULTURE CHANGE.  
17 I SEE OVER THERE IN ISRAEL AND PALESTINE THEY HAVE A WAR ZONE.  
18 DOWNTOWN ON SKID ROW, WE HAVE SUICIDE ZONE. AND SOMETHING  
19 SHOULD BE DONE IMMEDIATELY ABOUT THAT TYPE OF INFERIOR,  
20 INHUMANE CONDITIONAL HUMAN BEINGS ARE GOING THROUGH. WE BEING  
21 NEGLECT THEM AND THINK THEY ARE ANIMALS THEY ARE JUST LIKE WE  
22 ARE. HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE IN THEIR SITUATION? THEY  
23 SLEEPING ON SOME DAMN SIDEWALK IN A CARDBOARD BOX. BUT ANYWAY  
24 WE SEE THAT A LOT OF FUNDS GO TOWARD THAT ADMINISTRATION TO  
25 SUPPORT THE HOMELESS BUT IT NEVER REACH THE HOMELESS.



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1 EVERYTHING BEEN FAILURE. EVERYTHING BEEN FAILURE, BUT LOS  
2 ANGELES, CALIFORNIA IS THE CAPITAL OF AMERICA FOR THE  
3 HOMELESS. YOU SEE THAT NO INFERIOR CONDITIONS LIKE THAT NO  
4 PLACE EXISTS BUT DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES. MIDWEST, DOWN SOUTH  
5 THERE'S NO PEOPLE SLEEPING ON THE STREET. THERE'S NO  
6 POLITICIANS BEGGING TAXPAYERS FOR DOLLARS THAT THEY DO NOT USE  
7 PROPERLY. BIGGER GOVERNMENT, MORE HIGHER TAXES.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE HAVE LANCASTER NOW ON BOARD?

10

11 **FRAN CERECERES:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS FRAN  
12 CERECERES AND I'M AN ADVOCATE FOR SENIORS AND FOR PEOPLE THAT  
13 CAN'T SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. I'M HERE BASICALLY TO SUPPORT THE  
14 INITIATIVE FOR THE HOMELESS. BUT I'M ALSO HERE AS AN  
15 INDIVIDUAL, AS A PERSON THAT WHEN I WAS A CHILD BACK IN THE  
16 '40S AND '50S, IF IT WASN'T FOR THE L.A. COUNTY, WE WOULD HAVE  
17 BEEN HOMELESS HAVE. MY MOM WAS A SINGLE PARENT. SHE HAD FOUR  
18 LITTLE GIRLS, 2, 3, 4 AND MYSELF. I WAS 7 AT THE TIME. AND I'M  
19 HERE TO SAY THAT THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. THANK GOD, WE ALL  
20 OF US CAME OUT OKAY. WE'RE DOING FINE. BUT I'M ALSO HERE TO  
21 TALK ON LANCASTER. I KNOW YOU HAVE PEOPLE FROM L.A., THE  
22 HOMELESS ARE COMING FROM LOS ANGELES TO LANCASTER. AND WE DO  
23 NEED MORE SUPPORT. RIGHT NOW IT SEEMS LIKE WE'RE ONLY GETTING  
24 \$272, APPROXIMATELY, FOR HOMELESS. WHERE DOWNTOWN L.A. THEY'RE  
25 GETTING OVER \$4,000 PER HOMELESS. MY NUMBERS MIGHT BE OFF A



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1 LITTLE BUT I'M HERE TO ADVOCATE THAT WE NEED HELP. BUT I'M  
2 ALSO ADVOCATING THAT GOOD CAN COME OUT OF THE HOMELESS IF THEY  
3 SO WANT TO. AND I HAVE A PICTURE HERE OF N STREET. THAT'S THE  
4 PROJECT I WAS AT, THE WILLIAM EADE PROJECTS IN NORTHEAST LOS  
5 ANGELES KNOWN AS DOGTOWN. THANK YOU AGAIN. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MEMBERS. THAT CONCLUDES  
8 THIS PORTION OF THE MEETING IN TERMS OF HEARING FROM PUBLIC.  
9 SO AT THIS TIME WE GO BACK TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, YOU HAVE THREE ITEMS  
12 BEFORE YOU. ITEM P-1 IS A RECEIVE AND FILE ITEM.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DO I HAVE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THAT  
15 REPORT? MOVED AND SECONDED. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO RECEIVE  
16 AND FILE THAT REPORT? THAT'S JUST A REPORT. OKAY. THEN WITHOUT  
17 OBJECTION. THAT'S APPROVED.

18

19 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SECOND ITEM IS AGENDA ITEM NO. 1,  
20 AS AMENDED.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** BY SOLIS AND KNABE. YES. CALL THE  
23 ROLL.

24

25 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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4 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL? [SILENCE.]

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6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** WE CAN TABLE THESE ITEMS.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SHE'S COMING, SHE'S COMING. SHE'S  
9 COMING ROUND THE MOUNTAIN. OKAY, LET'S HAVE THE ROLL AGAIN.

10

11 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** OKAY, THIS IS AGENDA ITEM 1 AS  
12 AMENDED BY SOLIS AND KNABE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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16 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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18 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AYE.

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20 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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24 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1 SUP. ANTONOVICH: AYE.

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3 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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5 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

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7 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: MOTION PASSES.

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9 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: UNANIMOUS, WOW.

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11 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: AGENDA ITEM NO 5 AS AMENDED BY

12 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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14 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

15

16 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

17

18 SUP. SHEILA KUEHL: AYE.

19

20 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR KNABE?

21

22 SUP. KNABE: NO.

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24 LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.: SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

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3    **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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5    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** AYE. PASSES. 3 VOTES, 2 NOES. MOTION  
6    CARRIES. THANK YOU TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE AUDIENCE.  
7    AND THANK OUR MEMBERS, MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, SHEILA KUEHL AND  
8    ALL THE FOLKS WHO CAME OUT AND SPENT THE DAY WITH US AND OUR  
9    STAFFS FOR WORKING SO HARD. THANK YOU.

10

11   **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

12

13   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO TAKE UP ITEM NO. R-1.

14

15   **SUP. KNABE:** WE WILL TAKE UP R-1 EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN  
16   CONTINUED?

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18   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO WITH THIS ITEM, DO WE NEED A  
19   PRESENTATION ON THIS? NO. OKAY. THEN, I'M GOING TO CALL UP THE  
20   FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THIS.  
21   BOB SHAW. COLLEEN FOSTER. LAUREN AHKIAM. CRAIG CADWALLADER.  
22   ALEX DAVIS. AND IF YOU CAN JUST STATE YOUR NAME AS YOU SPEAK.  
23   AND YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES. 1 MINUTE. I'M SORRY. CORRECTION. ONE  
24   MINUTE. SO LET'S GO AHEAD. BEGIN, SIR.

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1 **BOB SHAW:** WELL, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OFFICIALS AND  
2 GUESTS, MY NAME IS BOB SHAW. AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF M.W.S.  
3 I'VE BEEN IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS FOR OVER 43 YEARS. FOR  
4 THE LAST SIX YEARS, WE AT M.W.S. HAVE BEEN OPERATING A  
5 REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE TREATMENT SITE RIGHT HERE IN L.A.  
6 COUNTY. UNTIL RECENTLY, WE LIKE ALL OF OUR COMPETITORS HAD TO  
7 SHIP ALL OF OUR PHARMACEUTICAL WASTES THAT WE COLLECTED TO  
8 MARYLAND OR TEXAS FOR DESTRUCTION. PHARMACEUTICAL ITEMS ARE  
9 REQUIRED BY CALIFORNIA LAW TO BE DESTROYED VIA INCINERATION OR  
10 HIGH HEAT. DUE TO CALIFORNIA'S HIGH STANDARDS ON MINIMIZATION  
11 OF POLLUTIONS, THERE ARE NO REGULATED MEDICAL WASTE  
12 INCINERATION SITES IN CALIFORNIA TO TREAT PHARMACEUTICAL  
13 ITEMS. RECOGNIZING THIS OPPORTUNITY, WE INVESTED HEAVILY TO  
14 ACQUIRE AND PERMIT THE CORONEX PROCESS RIGHT HERE IN L.A.  
15 COUNTY. THOUGHT I HAD TWO MINUTES. I'M GOOD? THAT'S IT? I'M  
16 SORRY.

17  
18 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS THAT YOU'D LIKE  
19 TO SUBMIT? THIS ITEM IS ALSO GOING TO BE BROUGHT BACK. BUT I  
20 ALLOWED FOR COURTESY TO HAVE THOSE THAT HAD ALREADY SIGNED UP  
21 TO BE HEARD TODAY. SO I REALLY DID MAKE IT A POINT TO ALLOW  
22 FOR THAT HAPPEN.

23  
24 **BOB SHAW:** I'M SORRY, I THOUGHT I HAD THREE MINUTES.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU CAN ALWAYS COME BACK. THANK YOU.  
2   GO AHEAD.

3

4   **ALEX DAVIS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAME CHAIR AND  
5   MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS ALEX DAVIS. LEGISLATIVE  
6   AFFAIRS MANAGER AT V.I.C.A. I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR  
7   ANTONOVICH FOR HIS MOTION TO CONTINUE THIS ITEM UNTIL JUNE  
8   14TH TO ALLOW THE COUNTY AND STAKEHOLDERS TO CREATE A VIABLE  
9   SOLUTION SINCE THIS BOARD FIRST BEGAN DISCUSSING A POSSIBLE  
10   E.P.R. ORDINANCE, WE HAVE SHARED OUR THOUGHTS AND SUPPORT FOR  
11   AN EDUCATIONAL ALTERNATIVE. AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM WILL CREATE  
12   A SAFER, HEALTHIER COMMUNITY FOR RESIDENTS WITHOUT RISKING  
13   ECONOMIC STRENGTH OF THE COUNTY. THANK YOU.

14

15   **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR CAN I ADD TO HIS COMMENT? I WOULD  
16   HOPE THAT YOU ALL UNDERSTAND THAT WHILE I'M SUPPORTING THE  
17   CONTINUANCE, IT'S GETTING A LITTLE LOW. I THINK THAT THE TWO  
18   SIDES NEED TO COME TOGETHER AND WORK THIS THING OUT. SO I JUST  
19   HOPE THEY UNDERSTAND THIS CONTINUANCE MIGHT BE THE LAST TIME  
20   WE CONTINUE IT.

21

22   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WELL AND ALSO AS I REMEMBER, IT WAS TO GIVE  
23   THE INDUSTRY NINE MONTHS TO WORK SOMETHING OUT. I DON'T THINK  
24   THEY NEED EXTRA TIME. BUT OFTEN, YOU KNOW, WHEN AN AUTHOR SAYS  
25   LOOK, I WANT TO ORGANIZE THIS SO THAT, FOR INSTANCE, A WHOLE



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1 LOT OF DRUG STORES MIGHT HAVE A NEW PROGRAM, AND WE WANT THAT  
2 TO GO INTO EFFECT RIGHT AWAY, WE WANT TO HEAR BACK ABOUT THAT,  
3 WE'LL DO THE COURTESY. BUT I THINK I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR  
4 KNABE. AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH IS SERIOUS ABOUT THIS.  
5 SO I DON'T SEE THIS AS FOOT DRAGGING IN ANY WAY. SO I WOULD  
6 JUST TELL ANYBODY TESTIFYING THAT THEY'RE REALLY HAPPY THAT  
7 WE'RE DRAGGING OUR FEET, THAT WE'RE NOT.

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SIR.

10

11 **CRAIG CADWALLADER:** MY NAME IS CRAIG CADWALLADER AND I'M  
12 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THE SURFRIDER FOUNDATION, SOUTH BAY  
13 CHAPTER. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE SUPERVISORS TO PLACE THIS  
14 ORDINANCE ON THE AGENDA FOR ADOPTION AND NOT DELAY. THERE'S NO  
15 REASON THAT IF ANY OF THE RETAILERS WANT TO IMPLEMENT A  
16 PROGRAM OF TAKEBACK ON THEIR OWN THAT THEY CAN'T DO IT RIGHT  
17 NOW ANYWAY. I DON'T SEE THE POINT IN DELAY. AND I WOULD  
18 ENCOURAGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD WITH IT AND PROTECT OUR GOAL.  
19 SURFRIDER'S MISSION IS TO PROTECT AN ENJOYMENT OF THE OCEAN  
20 WAVES AND BEACHES, AND SHARPS AND PHARMACEUTICALS DO IMPACT  
21 OUR AREA AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MOVE FORWARD ON THIS AGAIN.  
22 RETAILERS CAN IMPLEMENT ANYTHING RIGHT NOW. THERE'S NOTHING  
23 HOLDING THEM BACK. AND I WOULD ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO IT. AND I  
24 WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO PUT THIS ON THE AGENDA FOR ADOPTION.  
25 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SO I HAD CALLED BOB SHAW,  
3 COLLEEN FOSTER, LAUREN AHKIAM. I'LL MOVE ON TO VISHNU  
4 SUBRAMANIAM. SORRY IF I'M NOT SAYING YOUR NAME CORRECTLY.  
5 ANDRIA VENTURA. BONNIE COLEMAN. DONNA MEREDITH. GO AHEAD, SIR.  
6 STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

7

8 **VISHNU SUBRAMANIAM:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS VISHNU  
9 SUBRAMANIAM. I'M AN ORGANIZER WITH THE CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR  
10 RETIRED AMERICANS. WE REPRESENT 950,000 SENIORS AND RETIREES  
11 HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I'M HERE TODAY TO ASK YOU NOT TO  
12 DELAY THIS VOTE ANY FURTHER. YOU'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH THE  
13 ISSUES. YOU AND YOUR STAFF HAVE COME UP WITH EFFECTIVE  
14 SOLUTIONS. YOUR AGENCIES HAVE STUDIED THIS ISSUE IN DETAIL.  
15 YOU HAVE EXPERTS ON STAFF. WE ARE ASKING YOU NOT TO DELAY THIS  
16 VOTE. I HAD SEVERAL SENIORS AND RETIREES HERE FROM THROUGHOUT  
17 LOS ANGELES COUNTY WHO COULDN'T STAY UNTIL TODAY TO TESTIFY.  
18 SOME OF THE PEOPLE YOU CALLED WON'T BE ABLE TO BE HERE. WE ARE  
19 IN SUPPORT OF THIS ISSUE AND THIS ORDINANCE BECAUSE SENIORS  
20 HAVE NO PLACE TO TAKE THEIR UNUSED AND EXPIRED MEDICATION.  
21 THEY'RE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN GETTING  
22 INTO THEIR MEDICINE CABINET. THEY ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE  
23 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF DRUGS BEING FLUSHED DOWN THE TOILET.  
24 WE'RE ASKING YOU NOT TO DELAY THIS ANY FURTHER AND HAVE THE  
25 VOTE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM.

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4 **DONNA MEREDITH:** YES, MY NAME IS DONNA MEREDITH. AND I'M WITH  
5 THE CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS. AND I AM ALSO A  
6 NATIVE ANGELINO. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT THE PROBLEM WE HAVE IS  
7 WHEN MY SISTER PASSED AWAY, I HAD A HARD TIME FINDING A PLACE  
8 TO GET RID OF HER MEDICATIONS. WHAT THAT CAUSES IS RIGHT NOW,  
9 I HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL SATURDAY OR SUNDAY BETWEEN 9 AND 3 TO GET  
10 RID OF ANY MEDICATIONS OR SHARPS THAT I HAVE TO DO. AND IT'S  
11 20 MINUTES AWAY FROM MY HOUSE. I CAN DRIVE IT. BUT IF I COULD  
12 TAKE IT TO A PHARMACEUTICAL, A PHARMACY, IT WOULD BE ABOUT A  
13 BLOCK AND A HALF AWAY. NOW, I CAN GET TO THEM, BUT WE HAVE  
14 MANY SENIORS AND DISABLED PEOPLE WHO CAN'T GET FURTHER THAN  
15 THEIR PHARMACY. THEY KNOW WHERE THEIR PHARMACY IS. THEY CAN  
16 TAKE AND GET RID OF IT. AND WE NEED THIS DONE AS SOON AS  
17 POSSIBLE BECAUSE IT'S DAMAGING OUR OCEANS AND OUR SEAFOOD. AND  
18 EVERYTHING AROUND US. AND THIS HAS BEEN A WONDERFUL PLACE TO  
19 LIVE AND GROW UP AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE IT RUINED. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE HAVE ANDRIA VENTURA.  
22 BONNIE COLEMAN. KREIGH HAMPEL. GARY CLIFFORD. TORI CHICA. BILL  
23 POLLOCK. STALEY PROM. GO AHEAD, SIR. STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE  
24 RECORD.

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1 **BILL POLLOCK.:** HI, MY NAME IS BILL POLLOCK. I'M THE PROGRAM  
2 MANAGER OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE  
3 PROGRAM. I CAME DOWN TODAY BECAUSE I HEARD THERE'S SOME TRASH  
4 TALK ABOUT OUR PROGRAM OUT HERE. AND I CAME TO SET THE RECORD  
5 STRAIGHT. TO PARAPHRASE MARK TWAIN, REPORTS OF TROUBLES WITH  
6 OUR ORDINANCE HAVE BEEN GREATLY EXAGGERATED. 3 MINUTES REALLY  
7 ISN'T ENOUGH OR 42 SECONDS ISN'T ENOUGH TO GO INTO THIS. BUT  
8 THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY HAS GOTTEN TOGETHER. THEY'VE  
9 FORMED A PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP GROUP. THEY HAVE RESPOND TODAY  
10 OUR ORDINANCE. THEY PUT TOGETHER A PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP PLAN IN  
11 OUR COUNTY THAT CALLS FOR 100 KIOSKS AT ELIGIBLE SITES,  
12 PHARMACIES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, HOSPITALS. THEY ARE WORKING  
13 TOWARDS THAT GOAL. WE HAVE THE FIRST OF 13 KIOSKS CONTRACTORS  
14 SIGNED. THE KIOSKS ARE ORDERED, THEY'RE ABOUT TO GO IN. I URGE  
15 YOU TO JOIN THE FIVE OTHER COUNTIES IN THE BAY AREA AND KING  
16 COUNTY IN WASHINGTON AND PASS THIS ORDINANCE. IT'S FOR GOOD  
17 PUBLIC HEALTH FOR YOUR PEOPLE.

18

19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SURE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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21 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION?

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23 **BILL POLLOCK:** SURE.

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1   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** WHAT KIND OF PROCESS IS THEN USED FOR  
2   WHATEVER'S TURNED IN?

3

4   **BILL POLLOCK:** IT GOES TO INCINERATION AT A HAZARDOUS WASTE  
5   INCINERATOR IN UTAH.

6

7   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** IN UTAH. AND THE COUNTY IS PAYING, TOO, FOR  
8   THAT TRANSPORT?

9

10   **BILL POLLOCK:** -- PAY FOR IT. THIS IS PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP. THE  
11   PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY IS PAYING FOR THAT. THEY ARE PAYING  
12   FOR OUR OVERSIGHT COSTS.

13

14   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** BUT THAT'S A PLAN, YOU SAID. THEY HAVEN'T  
15   ACTUALLY GONE INTO EFFECT YET.

16

17   **BILL POLLOCK:** IT'S GONE INTO EFFECT.

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19   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** YOU HAVE 13 KIOSKS.

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21   **BILL POLLOCK:** THERE ARE 13 KIOSKS WHOSE SPONSORS LAW  
22   ENFORCEMENT AND PHARMACIES HAVE SIGNED CONTRACTS. THE KIOSKS  
23   ARE BEING SHIPPED NOW AND WE'RE WAITING FOR INSTALLATION. WE  
24   ALSO DO ONE DAY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS



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1 WITH A MEDICATION COMPONENT. WE'VE DONE FIVE OF THOSE SO FAR  
2 THIS YEAR.

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4 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THEY GO TO UTAH FOR INCINERATION.

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6 **BILL POLLOCK:** IT ALL GOES TO UTAH AND IT'S ALL PAID FOR BY THE  
7 PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY.

8

9 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** THEY'RE ALREADY PAYING FOR THOSE SHIPMENTS.

10

11 **BILL POLLOCK** THEY'RE ALREADY DOING IT. THEY'RE ALREADY PAYING  
12 FOR IT.

13

14 **>>SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY, GOOD. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST WANT TO ALSO CHIME  
17 IN THAT WHEN MY FATHER PASSED AWAY, HE HAD SEVERAL, MULTIPLE  
18 ILLNESSES. AND WE HAD WELL OVER I WOULD SAY CLOSE TO 200  
19 PIECES OF MEDICATION THAT MY SISTERS WERE TROUBLED OVER AND  
20 HOW THEY WOULD DISPOSE. SO THIS IS INCREDIBLE WHAT'S  
21 HAPPENING. AND I HEAR IT OFTEN FROM MANY PEOPLE. EVEN FROM  
22 YOUNGER PEOPLE WHO ARE IN NO NEED OF THEIR MEDICINE OR  
23 MEDICATIONS. AND IT IS A CRISIS. SO THANK YOU FOR COMING DOWN.  
24 I APOLOGIZE.

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1   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** ONE FURTHER QUESTION. WHO HAS THE LIABILITY  
2   FOR THE KIOSKS?

3

4   **BILL POLLOCK.:** RIGHT NOW IT'S THE PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP  
5   ORGANIZATION.

6

7   **SUP. KUEHL:** SAY IT AGAIN.

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9   **BILL POLLOCK:** THE PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY.

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11   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** PHARMACEUTICAL INDUSTRY, NOT THE PHARMACY?

12

13   **BILL POLLOCK:** NOT THE PHARMACY.

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15   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

16

17   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION. WHO ARE THE PHARMACEUTICAL  
18   COMPANIES THAT ARE PARTICIPATING WITH YOU?

19

20   **BILL POLLOCK:** THE LIST IS 350 COMPANIES LONG. WE'VE  
21   IDENTIFIED-- IN ALAMEDA COUNTY WE IDENTIFIED 457 COMPANIES,  
22   PRODUCERS, THAT SELL PRESCRIPTION DRUGS IN OUR COUNTY. ABOUT  
23   350 OF THEM ARE NOW PART OF THE PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP  
24   ORGANIZATION. AND WE ARE PURSUING THE REST OF THEM TO GET THEM  
25   TO JOIN.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PHARMACIES, WHICH ONES?

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4 **BILL POLLOCK:** THESE ARE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE COMPANIES. BUT ALSO  
7 AFTER THE COMPANIES, WHAT PHARMACIES ARE PARTICIPATING ?

8

9 **BILL POLLOCK:** THE PHARMACIES THAT HAVE SIGNED CONTRACTS ARE  
10 ALL INDEPENDENT PHARMACIES. SO FAR MOST OF THE CHAINS AREN'T  
11 TO THAT POINT. WALGREENS MADE A NATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENT THAT  
12 THEY ARE PUTTING IN KIOSKS IN SOME OF THEIR STORES. WE HAVE  
13 ABOUT 37 WALGREENS IN OUR COUNTY. 2 OF THEM HAVE KIOSKS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YOU HAVE TWO OF THEM IN WALGREENS RIGHT NOW.

16

17 **BILL POLLOCK:** IN WALGREENS RIGHT NOW, YEAH.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE OTHER ONES ARE INDEPENDENT.

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21 **BILL POLLOCK:** THE OTHERS ARE INDEPENDENTS RIGHT NOW. SO THE  
22 PLAN HAS A THREE-YEAR PHASE-IN PERIOD. WE'VE JUST GONE THROUGH  
23 THE FIRST YEAR. WE HAD SOME PROBLEMS IN THE FIRST YEAR. WE  
24 ONLY GOT ONE COLLECTION EVENT HAPPENING. THERE WAS SOME  
25 CONTRACTUAL ISSUES THAT HAD TO BE WORKED OUT. THERE WERE A



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1 COUPLE OTHER ISSUES. OUR ORIGINAL ORDINANCE DIDN'T COVER  
2 NONPRESCRIPTION DRUGS. BUT THE PUBLIC DOESN'T MAKE THE  
3 DISTINCTION. DRUGS ARE DRUGS. SO WE ACTUALLY AMENDED OUR  
4 ORDINANCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR TO INCLUDE  
5 NONPRESCRIPTION DRUGS. AND THAT HELPED SMOOTH A WAY FOR  
6 ADOPTION AND MORE PHARMACIES SIGNING ON. SO THAT'S HAPPENING  
7 RIGHT NOW.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

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11 **BILL POLLOCK:** ANYTHING ELSE?

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NO. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. THANK YOU.

14

15 **KREIGH HAMPLE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M KREIGH HAMPLE, I'M A BOARD  
16 MEMBER OF THE CALIFORNIA PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL. I'M ONE  
17 OF MANY RECYCLING COORDINATORS HERE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.  
18 AND I SUPPORT THIS PHARMACEUTICAL AND SHARPS TAKEBACK  
19 INITIATIVE HERE. THIS IS A HEALTHCARE ISSUE. IT'S A PUBLIC  
20 HEALTH ISSUE. WE HAVE A LOT OF WORKERS THAT ARE EXPOSED. WE  
21 HAVE A LOT OF RECYCLING WORKERS WHO HAVE BEEN STUCK WITH  
22 NEEDLES. WE HAVE WORKERS AROUND HOSPITALS WHO FIND THEM IN  
23 PARKING LOTS. WE HAVE PARK WORKERS WHO ARE FINDING THEM IN  
24 PUBLIC PLACES, IN AIRPORTS. IT'S JUST ABOUT ANYONE WHOEVER  
25 HANDLES WASTE MATERIALS. THEY'RE ALL EXPOSED. AND THIS WILL



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1 GIVE US A GREAT BOOST IN GETTING MORE SUPPORT AROUND THIS. WE  
2 HAVE A LOT OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING HOME HEALTHCARE WORKERS THAT  
3 AREN'T SUPPORTED BY THEIR OWN EMPLOYERS, WHO COME TO US FOR  
4 SHARPS BOXES SUPPLIED BY YOU THE COUNTY. SO I'M VERY EXCITED  
5 THAT THIS MOVES FORWARD AND I HOPE YOU'LL MAKE THAT DECISION  
6 TODAY TO MOVE IT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT SPEAKER?

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10 **TORI CHICA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
11 TORI CHICA WITH CERRELL ASSOCIATES. I'M HERE TODAY  
12 REPRESENTING THE PHARMACEUTICAL RESEARCH AND MANUFACTURERS OF  
13 AMERICA, ALSO KNOWN AS P.H.A.R.M.A. I APPRECIATE THE TIME TO  
14 SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY. FOR MOST OF THE YEAR, P.H.A.R.M.A. HAS  
15 BEEN WORKING DILIGENTLY WITH YOUR STAFF AND COUNTY PERSONNEL  
16 ON THE TAKEBACK ISSUE. WE'RE PLEASED WITH THE INDUSTRY  
17 ALTERNATIVE OF A PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT WE HAVE  
18 PRESENTED AND WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN  
19 MAKE THAT PROPOSED PROGRAM EVEN STRONGER. P.H.A.R.M.A.  
20 APPRECIATES THAT THIS BODY HAS DECIDED TO CONTINUE THE  
21 TAKEBACK ISSUE UNTIL JUNE 14TH AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HOLDING  
22 MORE PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE COUNTY SO WE CAN  
23 COLLECTIVELY CREATE A PROGRAM THAT CAN BEST SERVE THE  
24 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER?

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3    **STALEY PROM:** GOOD AFTERNOON, HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. I'M STALEY  
4    PROM, STAFF ATTORNEY FOR THE SURF- RIDER FOUNDATION. I'M HERE  
5    TODAY ON BEHALF OF OUR ORGANIZATION AND SPECIFICALLY, OUR WEST  
6    L.A., MALIBU AND SOUTH BAY CHAPTERS. I'M ALSO HERE IN MY  
7    PERSONAL CAPACITY AS AN L.A. COUNTY RESIDENT AND A FREQUENT  
8    BEACH GOER AND SURFER AT MALIBU, TOPANGA AND VENICE. BEACHES.  
9    A CLEAN OCEAN AND SAFE BEACHES ARE IMPORTANT TO US. WE NEED  
10   THIS PHARMACEUTICAL AND SHARPS TAKE BACK ORDINANCE TO KEEP  
11   PHARMACEUTICALS FROM BEING FLUSHED DOWN THE DRAINS WHERE THEY  
12   ULTIMATELY END UP IN OUR WATERWAYS AND ALSO TO KEEP NEEDLES  
13   OFF OUR BEACHES HAVE HYPODERMIC NEEDLES ARE TOO FREQUENTLY  
14   FOUND ON BEACHES ON COASTAL CLEANUPS. JUST A COUPLE DAYS AGO  
15   MY FIANCE WAS RUNNING ON SANTA MONICA BAREFOOT LIKE WE'RE ALL  
16   TYPICALLY BAREFOOT ON BEACH AND SAW A HYPODERMIC NEEDLE LYING  
17   IN THE SAND. AS YOU ALSO LIKELY KNOW, DOCKWEILER BEACH WAS  
18   CLOSED LAST FALL WHEN POUNDS AND POUNDS OF NEEDLES WERE  
19   WASHING UP ON THE SHORE ALONG WITH OTHER MEDICAL WASTE. WE  
20   HAVE SHOULD NOT BE HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT STEPPING ON NEEDLES  
21   WHEN WE GO TO THE BEACH. I URGE YOU PLEASE DON'T CONTINUE THE  
22   HEARING ON THE ORDINANCE TODAY. INTRODUCE THE ORDINANCE AND  
23   KEEP OUR OCEAN AND BEACHES CLEAN FOR L.A. RESIDENTS AND  
24   VISITORS. IF YOU'RE CONCERNED THE TIMEFRAME IS TOO LONG.  
25   THAT'S RESPECTFULLY ALL THE MORE REASON TO GO AHEAD AND





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1 INTRODUCE IT TODAY WITH SHORTER TIME FRAMES FOR STEWARDSHIP  
2 PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND A QUICKER DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION.  
3 THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.  
6 HEIDI SANBORN. BERNICE BONILLAS. JOSEPH LYONS. KENT MINAULT.  
7 PILAR SCHIAVO. STEVEN JOHNSON. GO AHEAD, MA'AM. GO AHEAD,  
8 STATE YOUR NAME.

9

10 **HEIDI SANBORN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I'M HEIDI SANBORN WITH THE  
11 NATIONAL STEWARDSHIP ACTION COUNCIL. I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH  
12 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S MOTION IN REGARDS TO THE DESIRE TO GET  
13 TAKEBACK OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO THE RESIDENTS AS QUICKLY AS  
14 POSSIBLE. HOWEVER I'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS RODEO BEFORE WITH SIX  
15 OTHER COUNTIES AND THE DELAYS HAVE NEVER RESULTED IN THE  
16 PROGRAM GETTING IMPLEMENTED ANY FASTER. PAST BEHAVIOR IS THE  
17 BEST PREDICTOR OF FUTURE BEHAVIOR AND THE MANUFACTURERS HAVE  
18 BEHAVED IN A WAY THAT DICTATES THAT THEY WILL NOT INCUR THESE  
19 EXPENSES UNLESS THEY'RE MANDATED TO DO SO THROUGH AN  
20 ORDINANCE. THIS IS WHY THE THERMOSTAT MANUFACTURERS AND PAINT  
21 COMPANIES ACTUALLY WORKED WITH US AT THE STATE LEVEL TO PASS  
22 LEGISLATION WE COULD ALL LIVE WITH. UNFORTUNATELY WE'VE NOT  
23 BEEN ABLE TO COME TO THOSE AGREEMENTS AT THE STATE LEVEL ON  
24 THESE TWO PRODUCT TYPES. SO IT'S REALLY GOING TO BE LEFT TO  
25 THE INNOVATION OF COUNTIES TO LEAD UNTIL WE CAN COME UP WITH A



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1 STATEWIDE SOLUTION EVERYBODY CAN AGREE TO. BUT THESE ARE THE  
2 EXACT SAME PROGRAMS THESE COMPANIES RUN IN MEXICO, CANADA,  
3 MUCH OF EUROPE AND COUNTRIES LIKE BRAZIL AND SOUTH AMERICA. SO  
4 THEY'VE DESIGNED THESE PROGRAMS. THEY WORK WELL. THEY'RE COST  
5 EFFECTIVE. THEY'RE CONVENIENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **STEVEN JOHNSON:** MY NAME IS STEVEN JOHNSON. I'M HERE ON BEHALF  
10 OF HEAL THE BAY. I'M THEIR WATER RESOURCES POLICY ANALYST.  
11 I'VE BROUGHT PHOTOS I MADE OF EACH SUPERVISOR OF BASICALLY,  
12 SYRINGES ON THE BEACH. IT WAS 1988, ONE YEAR BEFORE THE FALL  
13 OF THE BERLIN WALL WHEN AN EVENT KNOWN AS SYRINGE TIDE TOOK  
14 PLACE ON THE COAST OF NEW JERSEY IN LONG ISLAND. HYPODERMICS  
15 WITH OTHER MEDICAL WASTE WAS FOUND ON THEIR SHORES. BEACHES  
16 WERE TEMPORARILY CLOSED AND BILLY JOEL HAD THE BEGINNING OF  
17 HIS FINAL LYRIC OF "WE DIDN'T START THE FIRE." IT WAS  
18 UNFORTUNATE THAT 15 YEARS INTO THE 21ST CENTURY WE HAVE  
19 ACTUALLY SEEN SIMILAR EVENTS TAKING PLACE ON OUR OWN SHORES IN  
20 LOS ANGELES. I PASSED OUT PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN BY A MEMBER OF OUR  
21 STAFF WHO FOUND MULTIPLE SYRINGES WASHED UP ON DOCKWEILER  
22 BEACH THE MORNING OF MARCH 12TH AFTER A HEAVY RAIN. IN L.A.  
23 COUNTY, THERE ARE CURRENTLY ONLY A FEW DESIGNATED SPOTS, NOT  
24 NEARLY ENOUGH TO BE CONVENIENT. THE ORDINANCE WAS CREATED  
25 THROUGH A THOROUGH INCLUSIVE PROCESS INVOLVING DIVERSE



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1 STAKEHOLDERS. IT IS READY AS IS WITH NO NEED FOR FURTHER  
2 DELAY. MORE DELAYS MEAN MORE DANGEROUS EVENTS LIKE THE ONES  
3 PORTRAYED IN THE PICTURES.

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5 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BERNICE BONILLAS JOSEPH  
6 LYONS. KENT MINAULT. PILAR SCHIAVO. RUTH SARNOFF. JOHN WALSH?  
7 REES ISDELL AND LASTLY LANCASTER. DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS. GO  
8 AHEAD.

9

10 **RUTH SARNOFF:** I WANTED TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE THINGS THAT I  
11 THINK HAVEN'T BEEN TALKED ABOUT UP TO THIS POINT. I AM  
12 NOTICING HERE THAT THE WHOLE ISSUE OF THE ROLE OF THE  
13 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, C.E.Q.A., THAT THAT WAS  
14 NOT TO BE CONSIDERED. I THINK THAT'S A REAL MISTAKE IN THIS  
15 PARTICULAR INSTANCE. AND I THINK IF YOU LOOK AT THE WHOLE  
16 CYCLE OF THE TRANSPORT AND HOW IT'S GOING TO BE TAKEN CARE OF  
17 AT THE END SPOT THAT I THINK TO PUT THE WRITING OF THE  
18 INITIATIVE WITHOUT THE GUIDELINES FOR THE WRITERS IS NOT THE  
19 RIGHT WAY TO GO. AND I THINK PUTTING A BIG PHARMA COMPANIES IN  
20 CHARGE OF POLICING IT IS NOT GOOD, EITHER. THANK YOU.

21

22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER.

23

24 **REES ISDELL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REES ISDELL. I'M WITH  
25 THE CALIFORNIA LIFE SCIENCES ASSOCIATION. WE'RE A STATEWIDE



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1 ORGANIZATION THAT HAS 750 DIFFERENT BIOTECH, LIFE SCIENCE,  
2 PHARMACEUTICAL, MEDICAL DEVICE, LIFESAVING ACTIVITIES,  
3 COMPANIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. AND WE REALLY-- WE'VE BEEN A  
4 PART OF THE ONGOING STAKEHOLDERS' DISCUSSIONS THROUGH THE LAST  
5 YEAR. REALLY HAVE APPRECIATED THE ABILITY TO HAVE THOSE  
6 MEETINGS AND DISCUSS. IF PER THIS MOTION WE HAVE ANOTHER  
7 STAKEHOLDER MEETING, THAT WOULD ACTUALLY BE THE FIRST ONE IN  
8 2016. WE'D BE HAPPY TO BE DOWN HERE AND PART OF THAT, WITH  
9 THAT DISCUSSION. SO WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO CONTINUING OUR  
10 ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS ABOUT PUTTING TOGETHER  
11 THIS PROGRAM.

12

13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I THINK WE HAVE ONE MORE  
14 SPEAKER IN LANCASTER?

15

16 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** YES. THIS IS DR. DIANA BEARD  
17 WILLIAMS. I JUST WANTED TO SAY THAT I SPEAK TOTALLY, TOTALLY,  
18 TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF THIS. I AM ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO  
19 TAKE A GREAT DEAL OF MEDICATION. I HAVE HAD CANCER OF THE  
20 THYROID, DIABETES AND A NUMBER OF OTHER ISSUES. AND I BELIEVE  
21 THAT OUR SHERIFF'S STATION IN PALMDALE, WE DO HAVE A SHARPIES  
22 CONTAINER, WHICH I THINK IS VERY, VERY-- IT'S AN EXCELLENT  
23 POSITION FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE TO DROP THEM OFF. BUT WE DON'T  
24 HAVE ENOUGH. AND MY GREATEST CONCERN IS REALLY PUBLIC SAFETY  
25 AND PUBLIC HEALTH. I HAVE SEEN MEDICATIONS ON THE STREET WHERE



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1 PEOPLE HAVE PUT THEM IN THEIR GARBAGE AND THEY ARE SPILLED OUT  
2 ONTO THE STREET. AND I WORRY ABOUT, ONE, CHILDREN. AND I ALSO  
3 WORRY ABOUT OUR ANIMALS THAT WE WALK, THAT WALK UP AND JUST  
4 EAT WHATEVER IS THERE. THERE'S A GREAT DEAL OF HEALTH RISK IN  
5 THE WAY THINGS ARE BEING HANDLED NOW. AND I THINK THAT THIS  
6 ORDINANCE OR THIS MEASURE WOULD HELP REMEDY THAT. AND I THINK  
7 THE PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY SHOULD TAKE RESPONSIBILITY. AFTER  
8 ALL, THEY'RE MAKING MONEY FROM SELLING THESE. THEY OUGHT TO  
9 HELP US GET THEM BACK IN A SAFE PLACE. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WITH THAT.

12

13 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** MADAME CHAIR, ITEM 58-B IS BEFORE  
14 YOU. AND THIS ITEM CONTINUES ITEM R-1, 14 AND 57 TO THE JUNE  
15 14, 2016 AGENDA.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVE IT.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED.  
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION?

21

22 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** ONE MORE THING, MADAME CHAIR,  
23 BEFORE YOU GO TO THE ADJOURNMENTS, WE HAD A MEMBER OF THE  
24 PUBLIC WHO HAD PREVIOUSLY SIGNED UP TO ADDRESS ITEMS THAT CAME



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1 BEFORE THIS BOARD, MR. PREVEN? WE ARE GOING TO CALL UP MR.  
2 PREVEN. MR. PREVEN IS NOT IN THE BOARDROOM, MADAME CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** HE'S NOT OUTSIDE, EITHER.

5

6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** HE CHECKED. HE'S NOT OUTSIDE.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO  
9 ADJOURNMENTS, MEMBERS. WE START WITH SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
12 MEMORY OF GAIL CHARLES POTTER WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93  
13 ON APRIL 24TH. GAIL WAS ONE OF THE GREAT LEADERS IN THE SAN  
14 FERNANDO VALLEY. HE WAS INVOLVED IN MY FIRST CAMPAIGN AND ALL  
15 THE OTHER ONES THAT WE'VE BEEN INVOLVED WITH OVER THE YEARS.  
16 AS I SAY, HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93 ON APRIL 24TH. HE  
17 SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN WORLD WAR II AS A  
18 PARATROOPER WITH THE 82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION, AND HE EARNED A  
19 BRONZE STAR. HE FOUNDED THE D&G ESCROW CORPORATION FOR OVER 60  
20 YEARS AGO, AND SERVED AS THE ENCINO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. HE IS  
21 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE GAIL AND THEIR THREE CHILDREN. HE WAS  
22 ALWAYS ONE OF THOSE INVOLVED WITH A PROJECT WITH HIS  
23 LEADERSHIP AND HIS SKILLS. AND JUST A WONDERFUL GENTLEMAN AND  
24 GOOD LEADER. JEAN STEWART, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 79  
25 WAS A 1953 PRINCESS OF THE NEWHALL OLD WEST CELEBRATION. SHE



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1 HAD A SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN MEDICAL SALES AND ACTIVE IN THE  
2 COWGIRL HALL OF FAME AND THE NATIONAL COWGIRL MUSEUM. AND  
3 SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER THREE CHILDREN. DICK RIPPEY WAS A MEMBER  
4 OF THE PORTER RANCH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND  
5 HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS TWO CHILDREN. HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE  
6 OF 75. HE WAS A TEACHER, COACH AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT  
7 HOLLYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL. JAN WIGHT, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF DUARTE  
8 WHO PASSED AWAY, WAS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DUARTE CHAMBER OF  
9 COMMERCE, SERVED ON THE DUARTE SCHOOL BOARD AND PRESIDENT OF  
10 FRIENDS OF THE DUARTE LIBRARY. AND SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER  
11 HUSBAND. JACK STEWART BONES PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 96.  
12 VOLUNTEER FIREMAN. CAPTAIN OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY MOUNTAIN  
13 RESCUE. WORKED IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR OVER 40 YEARS.  
14 HE OWNED IN HIS OWN PROPANE BUSINESS, WESTERN STAR PROPANE.  
15 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SHARON, THEIR CHILDREN, HIS CHILDREN  
16 JUDY, A STEPCHILD ORVILLE, AND JACKIE, AND MANY GRAND AND  
17 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. WALTER LYNCH, RETIRED DEPUTY FOR THE LOS  
18 ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, PASSED AWAY ON MAY 2ND.  
19 ALSO CARL LAU SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY DURING WORLD  
20 WAR II. IN CHARGE OF THE DENTAL CLINIC IN GERMANY. HE WAS  
21 PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES DENTAL SOCIETY AND TRUSTEE TO THE  
22 CALIFORNIA DENTAL ASSOCIATION. CHIEF EXAMINER FOR THE SOUTHERN  
23 SECTION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY AND HE'S  
24 SURVIVED BY HIS SONS CARL, CALVIN AND HOWARD. DEPUTY BRIAN  
25 FLYNN. BRIAN FLYNN. RETIRED DEPUTY LOS ANGELES COUNTY





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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. CLYDE WESLEY JOHNSON. LONGTIME RESIDENT  
2 OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. HE  
3 HAD SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY. AND BEFORE HIS 40-YEAR  
4 CAREER AS A DOCTOR IN THE NEWHALL COMMUNITY HOSPITAL. AND  
5 HENRY MAYO NEWHALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. HE HAS SERVED LOCAL  
6 SPORTS TEAMS BY PERFORMING PHYSICALS FOR HART HIGH SCHOOL AND  
7 SERVING AS THE PHYSICIAN ON HAND FOR THEIR GAMES. DARLENE LA  
8 VINE WOODS. SHE WAS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE UNITED ORGANIZATIONS  
9 OF TAXPAYERS WHO AUTHORED PROPOSITION 13, WORKED FOR  
10 SUCCESSFUL CAMPAIGNS OF GOVERNOR REAGAN, PRESIDENTIAL  
11 CAMPAIGNS. SHE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95. SHE'S SURVIVED BY  
12 HER FOUR DAUGHTERS, RITA, LINDA, JANET, NANCY. AND AUDREY  
13 RITTER, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF LA CRESCENTA. SHE'S SURVIVED BY  
14 HER HUSBAND AND THEIR SON. THIS PAST WEEK, I HAD A JOB FAIR IN  
15 PASADENA, JACKIE ROBINSON PARK FOR EMANCIPATED YOUTH. AND I  
16 WANT TO COMPLIMENT MANY OF OUR DEPARTMENTS WERE THERE WITH JOB  
17 CAREER OPPORTUNITIES, INTERNSHIP THAT WE HAD AUTHORED. I KNOW  
18 SUPERVISOR KUEHL CO-AUTHORED THE MOTION WITH ME ASKING OUR  
19 DEPARTMENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAMS. AND MANY OF THEM  
20 WERE VERY, VERY GOOD. IT WAS VERY GOOD. BUT A COUPLE OUR  
21 DEPARTMENTS DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING OR KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THE  
22 PROGRAM. I PERSONALLY TALKED TO OUR C.E.O., WHO WILL BE  
23 TALKING TO THEM. SO THAT THEY KNOW HOW TO ENGAGE THESE YOUNG  
24 PEOPLE. BUT ONE OF THE PROGRAMS THAT I LEARNED ABOUT, THE  
25 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT NOW HAS L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF CAREER YOUTH



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1 PROGRAM AND IT'S FOR 18 TO 24 YEAR OLD COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH A  
2 VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE, HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, NO CONVICTED  
3 FELONIES. AND THEY GO TWICE A WEEK IN A TRAINING PROGRAM. AND  
4 THEY ARE PAID. AND THOSE WHO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETE THE  
5 TRAINING ARE ABLE TO GO INTO SOME OTHER PROGRAMS. IT SERVES AS  
6 A STEPPING STONE TO SHERIFF DEPUTIES, DISPATCHERS, LAW  
7 ENFORCEMENT TECHNICIANS, SECURITY OFFICERS, NON SWORN CAREERS  
8 WITH LOCAL ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS. AND THEY DO IT AT TWO  
9 LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY. AND THIS ONE IT SHOWS A PICTURE OF  
10 ALL THEIR GRADUATES AT ONE OF THE PROGRAMS. AND IT'S VERY,  
11 VERY GOOD. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS A COMPARABLE PROGRAM. SO  
12 FOR YOUNG KIDS, EMANCIPATED YOUTH, IT GIVES AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
13 LEARN SOME SKILLS AND HELP THEM WHEN THEY DECIDE CAREERS TO  
14 MOVE INTO. SO I REALLY WANT TO COMMEND BOTH THE SHERIFF'S  
15 DEPARTMENT AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THIS AND THE OTHER  
16 DEPARTMENTS THAT HAD WONDERFUL INFORMATION AVAILABLE FOR OUR  
17 YOUNG PEOPLE. ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO CALL UP DR. KATZ WHO IS  
18 HERE. AND I WANT TO ASK HIM RELATIVE TO THE QUESTIONS THAT HE  
19 HAD ANSWERED WITH SENATOR FEINSTEIN'S OFFICE ON THE ISSUE OF  
20 HOW WE WERE GOING TO BE TREATING THOSE WHO WERE MENTALLY ILL  
21 IN THE JAIL TO ENSURE THAT THEY'RE GOING TO RECEIVE THEIR  
22 MEDICATION AND HAVE A PROTOCOL. BUT DR. KATZ CAN EXPLAIN IT  
23 BETTER THAN I CAN. AND YOU COULD EXPLAIN WHAT YOU HAD TOLD  
24 SENATOR FEINSTEIN'S OFFICE AND WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO WITH  
25 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT, THE FEDERAL



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1 DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WITH THESE  
2 PEOPLE.

3

4 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISOR. DR. MITCH  
5 KATZ, DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY HEALTH AGENCY. AS THE  
6 SUPERVISOR HAS EXPLAINED, THERE'S A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY TO  
7 BOTH DO A BETTER JOB FOR PROVIDING THE HEALTHCARE OF INMATES  
8 AND AT THE SAME TIME TO HAVE THE APPROPRIATE GROUP PAY FOR  
9 THAT CARE WITH APPROPRIATE NOT BEING THE COUNTY. ON ANY GIVEN  
10 DAY, THERE ARE 17,000 INMATES IN OUR COUNTY JAIL. HALF OF THEM  
11 ARE PRESENTENCE. MEANING THEY HAVE NEVER BEEN CONVICTED OF A  
12 CRIME. IF THEY COULD AFFORD TO LEAVE THE JAIL BY MAKING BAIL,  
13 THEIR HEALTHCARE WOULD BE PAID FOR BY MEDICAID. BECAUSE THEY  
14 DON'T HAVE THE MONEY TO BAIL THEMSELVES OUT, THE COUNTY PAYS  
15 FOR THEIR MEDICAL CARE, WHICH REALLY MAKES NO SENSE AT ALL  
16 WHEN TALKING ABOUT A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN  
17 CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME. SO WHAT WOULD BE OF TREMENDOUS HELP TO  
18 THE ADVOCACY EFFORTS, WHICH I HOPE YOU AS A BOARD MIGHT  
19 CONSIDER WOULD BE A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER SUPPORTING TO OUR  
20 DELEGATION. IT'S A LITTLE UNCLEAR WHETHER IT REQUIRES FEDERAL  
21 LAW. MOST OF US BELIEVE THAT IT'S SOMETHING THAT CAN BE DONE  
22 ON AN AGENCY LEVEL. BECAUSE THESE PEOPLE HAVE NOT BEEN  
23 CONVICTED OF ANY CRIME. THAT WOULD SIMPLY SAY THAT IF SOMEBODY  
24 HAS NOT BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME AND IS ELIGIBLE FOR BAIL,  
25 THEIR MEDICAL COSTS WHILE IN JAIL WOULD BE PAID FOR BY



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1 MEDICAID. OR TO SAY IT THE OTHER WAY. THE SIMPLE FACT THAT  
2 THEY'RE TOO POOR TO BAIL THEMSELVES OUT DOES NOT EXCLUDE THEM  
3 FROM THIS BENEFIT OF HEALTH INSURANCE THAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE  
4 GRANTED. IT WOULD SAVE THE COUNTY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS AND IT  
5 WOULD ALSO ENABLE US I THINK TO DO A BETTER JOB CARING FOR  
6 THESE INMATES.

7

8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IF WE COULD HAVE FOR NEXT WEEK'S MOTION,  
11 DR. KATZ CAN WORK WITH MY OFFICE ON A FIVE-SIGNATURE LETTER  
12 THAT WE WILL REQUEST THAT WE COULD PUT ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT  
13 WEEK.

14

15 **DR. MITCHELL KATZ:** THAT WOULD BE GREAT.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THEN FINALLY, CHAIR, I'D JUST LIKE TO  
18 HAVE A REPORT BACK WHERE THE BOARD WOULD DIRECT THE C.E.O.  
19 WITH THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND THE HELD AGENCY TO EVALUATE  
20 RELEVANT STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AS WELL AS COUNTY CODES AND  
21 ORDINANCES THAT SERVE AS A BARRIER TO PROVIDING TREATMENT FOR  
22 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS WHO REFUSE SERVICES WITH A REPORT BACK IN  
23 30 DAYS WITH AN ASSESSMENT AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE  
24 BOARD TO TAKE.

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1    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

2

3    **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** I CAN SUPPORT THIS. I THINK SUPERVISOR  
4    ANTONOVICH AND THE REST OF US KNOW HOW LONG THIS CONVERSATION  
5    HAS BEEN GOING ON IN SACRAMENTO. SORT OF BETWEEN 5150,  
6    N.A.M.I. PARENTS WHO REALLY ARE FRUSTRATED BECAUSE THEIR  
7    CHILDREN ARE ON THE STREET, DISABILITY COMMUNITY THAT WANTS TO  
8    RETAIN INDEPENDENCE. SO I THINK IN TERMS OF THE ANALYSIS  
9    COMING BACK TO US, PERHAPS THERE MIGHT BE SOME WAY OF  
10   REFLECTING SOME OF THE HISTORY OF THIS. NOT JUST THAT SOMEBODY  
11   NEW ASSEMBLYMEMBER THROWS ON A BILL THIS YEAR. BUT IN HAS BEEN  
12   A LONG STRING OF CONSIDERATIONS AS I THINK WE ALL REMEMBER IN  
13   SACRAMENTO.

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15   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I AGREE WITH YOU.

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17   **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** VERY DIFFICULT ISSUE.

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19   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** SO THAT'S A REPORT BACK.

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21   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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23   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. I HAVE JUST ONE  
24   ADJOURNMENT. TODAY I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN WE ADJOURN IN  
25   MEMORY OF ELI BAKER. ELI PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 84 SUNDAY



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1 MAY 8, 2016 AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. HE WAS BORN IN CANFIELD,  
2 ARKANSAS AND SERVED IN THE U.S. ARMY DURING THE KOREAN WAR. HE  
3 AND HIS WIFE MOVED TO LOS ANGELES IN 1961. SHORTLY AFTER THEY  
4 MOVED TO WEST COVINA IN THE FIRST DISTRICT WHERE THEY LIVED  
5 FOR OVER 50 YEARS. ELI BAKER WORKED FOR THE COUNTY'S  
6 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND RETIRED IN 1994. AFTER  
7 RETIREMENT, HE KEPT YOUNG AT HEART BY PLAYING CHESS, READING  
8 BOOKS. AND ON HIS KINDLE. WALKING GARDENING AND COOKING. A MAN  
9 OF FAITH, ELI BAKER JOINED A MISSION TO UGANDA IN 2001 AND  
10 SHARED MANY STORIES UPON HIS RETURN. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
11 WIFE OF 55 YEARS, ANNETTE, HIS DAUGHTER DEMETRIA, HIS SONS,  
12 CLIFFORD, JEFFREY, TWO GRANDCHILDREN AND 7 GREAT  
13 GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, NO, RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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15 **SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** OKAY. FOR THE THIRD SHALL GO FIRST AND THE  
16 SECOND SHALL GO FOURTH OR SOMETHING. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE  
17 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF SUSAN HOPE SLOCUM  
18 HINERFELD WHO DIED ON APRIL 30TH. SHE WAS BEST KNOWN FOR CO-  
19 AUTHORIZING "MANHATTAN COUNTRY DOCTOR," THE BEST SELLING MEMOIR  
20 ABOUT HER FATHER'S 34-YEAR MEDICAL PRACTICE IN HELL'S KITCHEN  
21 IN NEW YORK CITY. SHE ALSO EDITED THE BOOK "WELLESLEY AFTER  
22 IMAGES" AND WAS A REGULAR BOOK REVIEWER FOR THE LOS ANGELES  
23 TIMES. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND ROBERT ELLIOTT HINERFELD  
24 AND TWO SONS DANIEL SLOCUM AND MATTHEW BEN. AN I ASK THAT WHEN  
25 WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ALBERT SHELTON. HE



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1 WAS WELL KNOWN IN THE HOLLYWOOD COMMUNITY AS THE COWBOY ARTIST  
2 TO THE STARS. HE CREATED WORKS IN CARVED LEATHER, BRONZE,  
3 WATER COLOR AND OIL FOR HOLLYWOOD MOVIE STARS AND CELEBRITIES.  
4 HE WROTE OVER 100 HOW-TO ARTICLES IN LEATHERCRAFT MAGAZINES  
5 AND SEVERAL OF HIS CREATIONS ARE ON DISPLAY AT THE AUTRY  
6 MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN WEST. IN 2004, HE WAS AWARDED THE  
7 PRESTIGIOUS AL STOHLMAN AWARD FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN LEATHER  
8 CRAFT. AND IN 2012 HE WAS HONORED BY THE STUDIO CITY  
9 NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE CULTURE AND  
10 BUSINESS COMMUNITY OF STUDIO CITY. AL IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
11 DAUGHTER LORETTA GREEN. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY,  
12 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF OZZIE SILNA WHO DIED ON APRIL 27TH.  
13 OZZIE AND HIS BROTHER DAN DEVISED A LEGENDARY SPORTS DEAL WHEN  
14 THEY NEGOTIATED TO RECEIVE 1/7 OF THE NATIONAL BASKETBALL  
15 ASSOCIATION'S FUTURE BROADCAST REVENUE AFTER THE AMERICAN  
16 BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION MERGED WITH THE N.B.A. HE WAS KNOWN FOR  
17 HIS EXTRAORDINARY GENEROSITY, AND CONTRIBUTED TO ORGANIZATIONS  
18 INCLUDING THE MALIBU BOYS & GIRLS CLUB, THE MALIBU HIGH  
19 SCHOOL, WEBSTER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND HEAL THE BAY. AS  
20 TREASURER OF THE MALIBU COASTAL LAND CONSERVANCY, HE WAS  
21 RESPONSIBLE FOR ARRANGING THE LARGEST PRIVATE DONATION MALIBU  
22 RECEIVED TOWARD THE PURCHASE OF OUR CHILI COOK-OFF SITE IN  
23 2005. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS BROTHER DANIEL SILNA, HIS SISTER  
24 MIRIAM HERZOG, HIS SECOND WIFE WENDY AND HIS FIVE CHILDREN,  
25 JEFFREY, ROBIN, SAMANTHA, SOPHIE AND SPENCER. AND I MOVE THAT





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1 WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF NICHOLAS NOXON.  
2 HE'S A EMMY AND PEABODY AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY FILMMAKER  
3 WHO DIED ON MAY 3RD. HE MADE GREAT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC  
4 SPECIALS BEGINNING IN THE 1960S WINNING EMMIES FOR "THE GREAT  
5 WHALES" AND 'TIGERS OF THE SNOW.' AMONG HIS MOST POPULAR WORKS  
6 ARE HIS T.V. DOCUMENTARIES ON LEWIS LEAKEY'S DISCOVERIES IN  
7 OLDUVAI GORGE IN TANZANIA AND THE WRECK OF THE TITANIC IN A  
8 SPECIAL CALLED "SECRETS OF THE TITANIC." IN 2009 HE RECEIVED  
9 THE INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTARY ASSOCIATION PIONEER AWARD, WHICH  
10 RECOGNIZES THOSE WHO HAVE HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON  
11 NONFICTION TELEVISION. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE NICKY  
12 NICHOLASS, THREE DAUGHTERS, TRACI NORRIS, MEGAN WEAVER AND  
13 MARTI NOXON AND TWO SONS, CARLTON DODD AND CHRISTOPHER NOXON.  
14 FINALLY I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
15 OF LINDA GREY HEITZ SHE WAS THE PUBLICIST MANY ACTORS OF  
16 MUSICIANS IN THE 1970S AND '80S BEFORE EXPANDING INTO  
17 MARKETING, PRODUCING AND MANAGEMENT. SHE WAS SO GENEROUS, HAD  
18 A GIFT FOR BRINGING PEOPLE TOGETHER. SHE WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
19 HELP TOGETHER RAISE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR  
20 CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE KENNY HEITZ MEMORIAL  
21 SCHOLARSHIP AND THE VOICE FOR ANIMALS FOUNDATION. SHE'S  
22 SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER ALEX, HER PARENTS. ANN AND ROGER  
23 LECLAIR. HER SISTERS, SUSAN NEALY AND MARCY LECLAIR COBB. HER  
24 BROTHER TONY LECLAIR AND MICHAEL LECLAIR AND HER STEP  
25 DAUGHTERS JENNY AND JOANNA HEITZ. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-  
3 THOMAS.

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I MIGHT INVITE YOU TO JOIN ME IN  
6 ADJOURNING IN MEMORY OF ASHLEY WICKREMA, ENGINEER  
7 EXTRAORDINAIRE. BORN MAY 6, SORRY. WHO PASSED ON MAY 6TH AT  
8 THE AGE OF 77. GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF COLOMBO IN SRI  
9 LANKA AND COMPLETED HIS POSTGRADUATE WORK WHILE STUDYING IN  
10 ITALY. HE WAS A DISTINGUISHED FELLOW OF THE INSTITUTION OF  
11 CIVIL ENGINEERS, THE OLDEST PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING BODY  
12 ESTABLISHED IN 1818, IN THE UNITED KINGDOM. SOME OF HIS WORK  
13 INCLUDED CONCRETE BRIDGE DESIGNED AND BUILT IN THE EARLY '60S  
14 WHICH WOULD SPAN THE MAHAWELI RIVER. HE ALSO WORKED ON  
15 APPROXIMATELY 1500-KILOMETERS OF HIGHWAY BUILT IN NIGERIA. MR.  
16 WICKREMA WAS THE DIRECTOR OF CONSTRUCTION IN SRI LANKA AND  
17 WHERE HE WORKED FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS. HE WAS KNOWN FOR RISK  
18 TAKING AND LOVED WORKING ON NEW DESIGNS, PLANS AND PROJECTS.  
19 HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A TALENTED ENGINEER, A GENTLEMAN,  
20 DEVOTED HUSBAND AND FATHER AND A MAN OF DEEP FAITH. MR.  
21 WICKREMA IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF SOME 45 YEARS MALCANTHIE,  
22 HIS THREE CHILDREN, DHAKSHIKE, NAMINDRA AND GERARD. AND OF  
23 COURSE FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES WHO WILL MOST ASSUREDLY MISS HIM  
24 DEARLY. ASHLEY WICKREMA.

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1   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION. AT THIS TIME,  
2   MEMBERS, WE'VE-- I'M SORRY. YES, SUPERVISOR KNABE. IT'S BEEN  
3   SO QUIET TODAY. MY PLEASURE.

4

5   **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I WOULD ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
6   BOYD REEVES, LONGTIME LOVING HUSBAND OF GAIL REEVES, ONE OF  
7   OUR STRONG LAS FLORISTAS BOARD MEMBERS OUT AT RANCHO WHO  
8   PASSED AWAY VERY UNEXPECTEDLY LAST WEEK. BOYD AND GAIL HAVE  
9   BEEN LONG- TIME SUPPORTERS OF RANCHO. HE AND GAIL RELOCATED  
10   RECENTLY TO BIG FORK FROM LOS ANGELES IN MONTANA. WE'D LIKE TO  
11   EXTEND OUR SINCEREST CONDOLENCES TO GAIL DURING THIS MOST  
12   DIFFICULT TIME. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ERIC  
13   BRADLEY, RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH AND WELL KNOWN POLITICAL  
14   ACTIVIST WHO PASSED AWAY SUDDENLY ON SUNDAY AT THE AGE OF 52.  
15   ERIC WAS A NATIVE OF ARCADIA, STUDIED POLITICAL SCIENCE AT  
16   U.C. SANTA BARBARA. SURVIVED BY WIFE GAIL, SON ANDERS. HE WILL  
17   BE MISSED BY ALL WHO KNEW HIM. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS,  
18   MADAME CHAIR.

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20   **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITHOUT OBJECTION.  
21   SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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23   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS PAST WEEK WE HAD 114 RIDERS. WE DID OUR  
24   BIANNUAL TRAIL RIDE. BUT WE RODE NEAR ALISO CANYON NATURAL GAS  
25   RESERVOIR. AND WHAT I FOUND QUITE INTERESTING IS THAT WHILE WE



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1 HAVE ASKED L.A.F.C.O. TO PUT A HOLD ON ONE DEVELOPMENT THAT  
2 WAS BEING PLANNED, THE TOLL BROTHERS DEVELOPMENT IS UNDERWAY.  
3 AND I WAS TOLD THAT THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE GRADING ON THE  
4 COUNTY PARKLAND SO WE COULD HAVE REGIONAL PLANNING AND THE  
5 COUNTY COUNCIL REVIEW THAT IF THAT'S BEING DONE. IF IT IS SO  
6 THE LETTER GOES TO THE CITY OF L.A. TO CEASE AND DESIST THAT.  
7 BUT I WAS QUITE SURPRISED THAT THEY'RE MOVING FORWARD WITH  
8 THAT DEVELOPMENT WHEN THERE'S STILL A PROBLEM WITH THE OIL  
9 LEAK AND THE FACT THAT THAT ISSUE HAS NOT BEEN RESOLVED  
10 BECAUSE WE GO TO COURT BACK ON MAY 20TH. IT WAS AN INTERESTING  
11 RIDE. YOU HAVE TO SEE IT TO REALLY BELIEVE IT THAT WHAT IS  
12 GOING ON IN THAT AREA BY THE GAS COMPANY. THE PUBLIC SESSION  
13 ON MAY 20TH. WHICH ONE IS IT?

14

15 **MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** IT'S CURRENTLY C.S.-1, SUPERVISOR, IN  
16 CLOSED SESSION, SUPERVISOR.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. THAT CONCLUDES THAT  
21 PORTION. WE WILL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT NOW. I'M GOING TO CALL  
22 UP INDIVIDUALS THAT REQUESTED TO SPEAK. ERIC PREVEN. JOSEPH  
23 MAIZLISH. IRENE PANG. RUTH SARNOFF. JOHN WALSH.

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1    **JOSEPH MAIZLISH:** HOW LONG WOULD YOU LIKE US TO SPEAK FOR? 2  
2    MINUTES, THANK YOU.

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4    **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE TWO MINUTES.

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6    **JOSEPH MAIZLISH** AS I WAS REFLECTING OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF  
7    WEEKS ON THE HOMELESSNESS PROGRAM AND THE PLAN TO SEEK A VOTE  
8    OF THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED TO IMPOSE TAXATION, I THOUGHT, WELL,  
9    REALLY, MORALLY SPEAKING AND AS A MATTER OF POLICY AND TO  
10   REDUCE ALIENATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND RESIDENTS AND  
11   CITIZENRY, I THOUGHT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THE USE OF  
12   THESE LEASE REVENUE BONDS AS A WAY TO FINANCE THE MAJOR JAIL  
13   PROJECT, WHY NOT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS? GENERALLY A LOWER  
14   INTEREST RATE AS I UNDERSTAND IT. BUT IT REQUIRES THE INPUT OF  
15   THE VOTERS. ARE YOU FOLKS REALLY DETERMINED TO PROTECT US IN  
16   THE WAY THAT YOU WANT TO PROTECT US WHETHER WE WANT IT OR NOT?  
17   AND I SPEAK AS SOMEBODY WHO FAVORS GOOD FACILITIES AND  
18   OBVIOUSLY SOME JAIL CONSTRUCTION ONCE THE SYSTEM OF SENTENCING  
19   IS REALLY STRAIGHTENED OUT SO THAT THE SYSTEM IS USED FOR  
20   PUBLIC PROTECTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY ONLY. SO THAT'S A PUZZLE  
21   FOR ME. AND IT SEEMS TO BE A CONTRADICTION AND IT TELLS ME  
22   SOMETHING ABOUT THE ALIENATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND  
23   CITIZENRY AND THE LONG ROAD THERE IS TO REPAIR THAT. BUT I'M  
24   VERY DISAPPOINTED. I'D LIKE TO HEAR SOMEBODY THINK ABOUT IT. I  
25   KNOW AS STATE SENATORS, RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL VOTED THE \$7



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1 BILLION 2007 LEASE REVENUE BOND. AND THAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE FOR  
2 ITEMS THAT BRING INCOME, SOMETHING LIKE A STADIUM. THAT'S NOT  
3 QUITE THE WAY IT GOES WITH A PRISON. AND THAT CONSTRUCTION  
4 MONEY IS BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED. YOU STILL GOT TO OPERATE THE  
5 THING. AND THEN THERE ARE COSTS TO THE COMMUNITY AS WE'VE  
6 HEARD A COUPLE OF COMMENTATORS TODAY AND OVER THE YEARS TELL  
7 US ABOUT THE IMPACTS OF THAT. SO THAT CONCERNS ME. AND WHEN I  
8 TRY TO TAKE A LOOK AT ALL THE THINGS THE BOARD IS DOING, I SAY  
9 WELL, THAT'S SOMETHING'S MISSING THERE. SOMETHING'S MISSING IN  
10 YOUR CONNECTION TO THE CITIZENRY. THEY MAY NOT AGREE WITH ME  
11 SAYING THAT THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BUILD A BIG PROJECT. MAYBE  
12 THEY WILL AGREE WITH THE PROJECT.

13

14 >>SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU.

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16 JOSEPH MAIZLISH: SOMETHING NEEDS WORK ON THAT. THANK YOU.

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18 SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: NEXT SPEAKER.

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20 IRENE PANG: I'M IRENE PANG. GOOD AFTERNOON. I REPRESENT TO THE  
21 SECURITY OVER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN THE U.S., AND THE U.S.  
22 CONGRESS. I WORKED FOR YEARS FOR THE SECURITY FIELD FOR THE  
23 PUBLIC SAFETY FOR THE SPECIAL PROJECT AND THE PRIORITY  
24 PROJECT. EVEN THOUGH IN THE PRESENT TIME FOR THE ECONOMY, ALL  
25 THE INFORMATION SYSTEM, I NEED THAT IN THE [INAUDIBLE] TO



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1 WORK. NOW IT IS TIED TO [INAUDIBLE] THE REGULATION HAS  
2 ORGANIZATION ENLIST THE ASSOCIATION IN THE PAST. IN 100 YEARS  
3 IF YOU WERE CONCERNED BY THAT, INCLUDING [INAUDIBLE] AND  
4 [INAUDIBLE] REGION OF THE [INAUDIBLE] LOCATIONS IN THE HONG  
5 KONG WHERE HE CONTINUOUSLY IS THE REGULATION TO THE RESIDENTS  
6 OF THE HONG KONG. SINCE U.S. OVER RESIDENT WE SENT YEARS, U.S.  
7 AND HE USING THE UNION FOR THE SERVICE AND THE HUMAN RIGHTS  
8 ACTUALLY IS THE [INAUDIBLE] WHICH THE WASTING A LOT CITIZEN  
9 AND RESIDENTS CATCH THE DECEIT. EVEN THOUGH THEY [INAUDIBLE]  
10 THE DECEIT, AGAIN MANY NEEDS THE REGULATION INTENDS WITH THE  
11 COUPLES, THE EVIDENCE MAY AS WELL THIS YEAR AND THEN  
12 [INAUDIBLE] THE TWO PRIVILEGE FORCES THEY INVOLVE BUILDING \$70  
13 BILLION IN THE [INAUDIBLE] FEW DAYS IN THE GARBAGE IN THE  
14 CENTRAL PERSON, EL MONTE.

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16 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** TIME'S EXPIRED, MA'AM. THANK YOU.  
17 TIME'S EXPIRED. RUTH SARNOFF. RUTH SARNOFF, YOU'RE RECOGNIZED.

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19 **RUTH SARNOFF:** RUTH SARNOFF. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, I THINK I  
20 AGREE WITH YOU ABOUT IMPORTANCE OF LOOKING INTO ANY FUTURE  
21 BUILDING IN AND AROUND ALISO CANYON THERE UNTIL IT'S IN SAFER  
22 SITUATIONS. NUMBER ONE, I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE OF THE HUNDREDS  
23 OF WELLS THERE EACH CAPABLE OF ONCE AGAIN FACING DIFFICULTIES.  
24 SO YOU ALREADY HAVE LARGE EXPOSED POPULATION THERE. THEY HAVE  
25 ALREADY BEEN HARMED BY WHAT'S BEEN DONE TO THEM. AND IF THEY





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1 WERE HARMED AGAIN AS A RESULT OF PUBLIC POLICY LAXITY, IN MY  
2 OPINION, THE SITING OF PORTER RANCH WOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN  
3 ALLOWED IF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT HAD BEEN REQUIRED  
4 AND IF C.E.Q.A. GUIDELINES HAD BEEN FOLLOWED. I AM VERY  
5 DISTURBED THAT THE DESCRIPTIONS OF THE STUFF THAT WAS STICKING  
6 ON HOUSES AND CARS THAT'S NOW IN DIRT, IT'S NOW IN A LOT OF  
7 PLACES THERE. AND YOU HAVE VARYING DEGREES OF FRAGILITY IN  
8 TERMS OF YOUR POPULATION. YOU HAVE INFANTS. YOU HAVE TODDLERS.  
9 YOU HAVE PREGNANT PEOPLE. YOU HAVE PEOPLE THAT HAVE-- THERE  
10 SHOULD BE A LOT OF DATA HANDLED RIGHT NOW. AND A LOT OF  
11 HEALTHCARE EVALUATION OF THE PEOPLE IN PORTER RANCH. AND I  
12 HAVE A BIG FILE WHICH I WILL BE GLAD TO SHARE.

13

14 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE BILL  
15 WATKINS. DAVID HARRIS. JOSE MARTINEZ. STEVEN JOHNSON. OSCAR  
16 MOHAMMAD. GO AHEAD, SIR. STATE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD.

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18 **DAVID HARRIS:** DAVID HARRIS. I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU, MR.  
19 ANTONOVICH, FOR ALL THE WORK YOU'VE DONE FOR DISTRICT 5. I  
20 HAVE 'BEEN A BIG SUPPORTER OF YOURS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS,  
21 FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY. I'LL  
22 BRIEFLY SHARE WITH YOU SOME OF MY EXPERIENCES AS A CLIENT WITH  
23 THE L.A. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.  
24 WHILE I WAS A CLIENT OF D.C.F.S., I SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF  
25 COUNTY EMPLOYEES' WRONGDOING AND CONTRACTED DRUG AND ALCOHOL



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1 TESTING FACILITIES THAT SUPPORT YOUR L.A. COUNTY D.C.F.S.  
2 PROGRAMS AND COURT ORDERED PROGRAMS. THE FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS  
3 ARE SUPPORTED WITH EVIDENCE BY EMAIL PROVIDED TO THE  
4 LEADERSHIP OF D.C.F.S. D.C.F.S. DIRECTOR PHILIP BROWNING HAS  
5 BEEN MADE AWARE OF MY CONCERNS. AND I HAVE YET TO HEAR FROM  
6 HIS OFFICE. THE EMAILS SENT TO D.C.F.S. EMPLOYEE LAURA  
7 SLOSHENBURGER, MISPRONUNCIATION, REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE  
8 ANTELOPE VALLEY SHOULD SHOW, CHILD ENDANGERMENT ISSUES IGNORED  
9 BY D.C.F.S. WORKERS AT THE TIME THIS CASE WAS FIRST COMING TO  
10 AN ATTENTION OF D.C.F.S. IN 2014, 2015. POOL SAFETY, DROWNING  
11 ISSUES OF CHILDCARE IN CHILDREN IN D.C.F.S. SERVICES. PARENT  
12 CHILD EMERGENCY THERAPY VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS WERE IGNORED, NOT  
13 OFFERED BY D.C.F.S. WORKERS AT THAT TIME AS OUTLINED IN  
14 D.C.F.S. L.A. COUNTY POLICY. L.A. COUNTY D.C.F.S. WORKERS  
15 MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS OF COURT ORDERS, D.C.F. POLICIES,  
16 VIOLATIONS REGARDING DRUG TESTS AND PARENT VISITATION,  
17 INDIVIDUAL THERAPY, CONJOINT THERAPY, IGNORING THE FACTS IN  
18 CASES. INTENT TO CAUSE HARM TO DAVID HARRIS. FALSE STATEMENTS  
19 IN COURT REPORTS. LIBEL AND DEFAMATION OF CHARACTER IN COURT  
20 REPORTS. D.C.F.S. WORKERS OMITTING A PARENT'S COURT EVIDENCE  
21 PROVIDED TO D.C.F.S. WORKERS. EMAILS, DOCTOR REPORTS, ET  
22 CETERA, ADMITTED EVIDENCE IN D.C.F.S. COURT REPORTS IN 2014  
23 THROUGH '16. AND 2006 AND '7. I GOT THREE MORE. UNWARRANTED  
24 SKEWING OF INFORMATION IN COURT REPORTS TO REFLECT POORLY ON  
25 PARENTS. PERJURY OF D.C.F.S. WORKERS SUPERVISOR AND D.C.F.S.



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1 COURT REPORTS. D.C.F.S. AND SUPERVISORS INVOLVED IN COVERUPS.  
2 AND THE FAILURE TO RECOGNIZE PARENTAL RIGHTS AS OUTLINED IN  
3 CALIFORNIA CODE AND W.I.C. 300 AND L.A. COUNTY D.C.F.S. POLICY  
4 AND IT GOES ON. BUT I WILL LEAVE YOU THIS COPY. AND I'D  
5 APPRECIATE YOU HEARING ME TODAY.

6

7 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I'M SURE SUPERVISOR  
8 ANTONOVICH WILL HAVE ONE OF HIS STAFF MEMBERS SPEAK TO YOU.  
9 THANK YOU.

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11 **DAVID HARRIS:** THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** MR. MOHAMMAD.

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15 **OSCAR MOHAMMAD:** I'D LIKE TO SPEAK A LITTLE ABOUT RELIGION AND  
16 SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY. BUT I KNOW THAT THE NEWS MEDIA EXPLOIT  
17 BLACK AMERICA TO THE WEAKNESS, TO THE CORE. BUT ANYWAY, IMAM  
18 MAGID MOHAMED, CHRISTIANITY IS THE LARGEST RELIGION IN  
19 AMERICA, NUMBER 1. ISLAM IS THE SECOND LARGEST RELIGION,  
20 NUMBER 2. BUT IMAM MAGID MOHAMED IS LEADER OF 2 MILLION  
21 AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSLIMS IN NORTH AMERICA. IMAM MAGID MOHAMED  
22 MADE IT CLEAR AFTER BEING MAKING IT CLEAR TO MOST OF THE  
23 COMMERCE OF THE HOLDING OF THAT SOLE PLACE IN THE HAND OF  
24 INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSMEN THE INTEREST IN PROVISION OF ECONOMIC  
25 OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL THAT NEED THEM. WE'RE UNDIMINISHED. THIS



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1 IS INTEREST DEVELOPMENT WHICH ALSO EXEMPLIFIED THE MOVEMENT OF  
2 NEW UNDERSTANDING OF IT, SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND  
3 OPPORTUNITY. IMAM MAGID MOHAMED IN 1979 HE SIGNED A CONTRACT  
4 WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IN ASSOCIATION  
5 WITH THE CHINESE AMERICA [INAUDIBLE] IN THE FOOD COMPANY WITH  
6 THE MANUFACTURING UPDATE. IMAM MAGID MOHAMED SIGNED A \$25  
7 MILLION [INAUDIBLE] CONTRACT. HE MARKED FOR ATTENTION FOR THIS  
8 NEW [INAUDIBLE] IT'S ESTIMATED TO MORE THAN \$50 MILLION  
9 ANNUALLY. BUT ANYWAY, BUT THE MUSLIMS ARE VERY WEALTHY. THE  
10 MUSLIMS AFRICAN-AMERICAN MUSLIMS ARE VERY WEALTHY COMMUNITY,  
11 AND THEY ARE THE MOST PRODUCTIVE GROUP IN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
12 COMMUNITY. ANYWAY, WE HAVE NO CHECKS IN GOVERNMENT. WHEN  
13 RELIGIONS WAS IN CHARGE OF SOCIETY, IT WAS FAR BETTER. AFTER  
14 THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, THE POLICY BEGIN TO BE IN CHARGE OF  
15 SOCIETY IT BEGAN TO CRUMBLE. HOMELESSNESS DOWNTOWN, PEOPLE,  
16 THE OWNERS ENTERTAIN THEMSELVES WITH RECREATION, SEX AND  
17 DRUGS. OUR ENVIRONMENT IS VERY DANGEROUS. THE ISRAELIS, WE  
18 WERE TALKING ABOUT BUSINESS FIRST, BUT THE ISRAELIS IS THE  
19 OLDEST BUSINESS PEOPLE IN THE WORLD. THEY LEAVE THE NATION AND  
20 GO TO MANY OTHER NATIONS AND DOMINATE THE PEOPLE'S WEALTH.

21  
22 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. OKAY, MEMBERS. THAT  
23 CONCLUDES, OH, I'M SORRY. WE HAVE LANCASTER ON BOARD. OKAY.  
24 LET'S GO LANCASTER. JEREMIAH?



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1 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, WE'RE GOING TO  
2 START WITH JEREMIAH JENKINS AND LAST TIME YOU HE TOLD ME TO  
3 EXPLAIN TO YOU WHY HE ASKED HIM THE QUESTIONS. HE HAS AUTISM.  
4 SO THIS IS HIS TIME. NOT MINE. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

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6 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** JEREMIAH JENKINS.

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8 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** AND WHY ARE YOU HERE TODAY?

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10 **JEREMIAH JENKINS.:** BECAUSE MY SISTER ELIZABETH.

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12 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** HAVE TO SPEAK A LITTLE LOUDER.

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14 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** BECAUSE OF MY SISTER ELIZABETH.

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16 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** NOW JEREMIAH ASKED TO ADDRESS THE BOARD. HE  
17 TOOK THE DAY OFF FROM SCHOOL. WHAT DO YOU WANT TO TELL THEM  
18 ABOUT YOUR SISTER ELIZABETH? HAVE YOU VISITED HER LATELY?

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20 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** YES.

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22 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** WHERE DID YOU LAST SEE HER?

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24 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** LAST CEDAR SINAI.

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1 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** CEDAR SINAI, AND WHAT HAPPENED TO  
2 YOU AT CEDAR SINAI?

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4 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** THE FOSTER LADY WAS VERY MEAN.

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6 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** SHE'S VERY MEAN. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY  
7 VERY MEAN TO YOU?

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9 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** SHE WOULDN'T LET ME SEE MY SISTER.

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11 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** WHAT DO YOU MEAN NOT LETTING YOU SEE  
12 HER?

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14 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** SHE WAS BLOCKING THE VIEW.

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16 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** BLOCKING THE VIEW. DID SHE SPEAK TO  
17 YOU OR YOUR FATHER?

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19 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** NO.

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21 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** NO. CAN YOU TELL SUPERVISOR SOLIS  
22 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WHAT YOU HAVE DONE TO PREPARE FOR  
23 YOUR SISTER? DID YOU GO--?

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25 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** I WENT TO C.P.R. AND FIRST AID CLASS.



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2 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** AND DID YOU GET CERTIFIED?

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4 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** YES.

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6 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** HOW OLD ARE YOU?

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8 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** 13.

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10 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** DID THE JUDGE TELL YOU TO DO THAT?

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12 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** NO.

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14 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** SO YOU JUST WANTED TO GET CERTIFIED?

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16 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** YEP.

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18 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** SPEAKER: WHY?

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20 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** SO I COULD TAKE CARE OF MY SISTER.

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22 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** BECAUSE SHE'S ILL.

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24 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** BECAUSE SHE'S ILL.

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1 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** OKAY. IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT  
2 YOU WANT TO TELL THEM? YOUR FATHER IS ALSO YOUR GRANDFATHER?

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4 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** YES.

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6 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** HOW DID THAT HAPPEN?

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8 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** HE ADOPTED ME.

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10 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** SPEAKER: SO YOU'VE ALWAYS LIVED WITH  
11 YOUR FATHER?

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13 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** YES.

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15 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** AND SO YOU'RE TRYING TO GET YOUR  
16 SISTER TO LIVE WITH YOU AND YOUR FATHER?

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18 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** YES.

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20 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** IS HE A GOOD FATHER? DO YOU THINK HE  
21 CAN TAKE CARE OF ELIZABETH?

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23 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** HE'S A VERY GOOD FATHER.

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1 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** OKAY. SO THAT IS WHAT YOU WANT. IS  
2 THERE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANTED TO TELL THE BOARD?

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4 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** THAT HE WE MOVED, TOO.

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6 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** YOU MOVED SO THAT YOU COULD HAVE AN  
7 EVEN NICER PLACE FOR YOUR SISTER.

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9 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** YEP.

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11 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** OKAY. SAY THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO  
12 ME.

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14 **JEREMIAH JENKINS:** THANK YOU FOR LISTENING.

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16 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** OKAY, THANK YOU, BOARD.

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE WILL NOW HEAR FROM DR. DIANA BEARD  
19 WILLIAMS FOLLOWED BY MICHAEL JENKINS.

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21 **DR. DIANA BEARD WILLIAMS:** UM, YES, I'M DR. DIANA BEARD  
22 WILLIAMS AND I JUST WANTED TO SAY A COUPLE OF THINGS. I WANTED  
23 TO SAY MICHAEL ANTONOVICH AND I OFTEN BUTT HEADS AND THAT'S  
24 BECAUSE I'VE KNOWN MIKE FOR 28 YEARS. AND IN THE BEGINNING, MY  
25 RELATIONSHIP WITH YOU, MIKE, WAS ONE OF GREAT LOVE, GREAT



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1 RESPECT, AND GREAT ADMIRATION. AND MANY WAYS I STILL FEEL THAT  
2 WAY. AND I DON'T ALWAYS MEAN TO SEEM LIKE I'M PICKING ON YOU,  
3 BUT I'M EXTREMELY FRUSTRATED ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE  
4 ANTELOPE VALLEY. 28 YEARS AGO YOU WERE MY SAVIOR, MY GUARDIAN  
5 ANGEL. YOU HELPED ME ADOPT MY SON CHRISTOPHER DAVID WILLIAMS  
6 BROWN WHO IS NOW 28 YEARS OLD. I DID NOT KNOW AT THE TIME, YOU  
7 EVEN EXPEDITED IT BECAUSE THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND  
8 FAMILY SERVICES WAS DYSFUNCTIONAL AT THAT TIME. YOU EXPEDITED  
9 THE ADOPTION WHEN I WENT TO YOU. YOU MADE SURE IT WENT  
10 THROUGH. WE DID NOT KNOW THAT HE HAD SYPHILIS AND GONORRHEA  
11 FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME. THAT WAS HIDDEN FROM US. WE  
12 ALSO DID NOT KNOW THAT HE WAS FAILURE TO THRIVE. AND WE DID  
13 NOT KNOW THAT HE WAS A REGIONAL CENTER BABY. AND BEING  
14 IGNORANT OF THOSE PROCESSES SO LONG AGO I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT  
15 THAT MEANT. THEY PUT HIM OUT OF THE REGIONAL CENTER WITHOUT ME  
16 EVEN KNOWING IT. FOR YEARS I SPENT MONEY AFTER MONEY AFTER  
17 MONEY TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHY ONE DAY THE LIGHT WENT OUT IN  
18 MY SON'S EYES. HE STARTED TO BECOME DUMBER THAN DUMB, FOR LACK  
19 OF A BETTER WORD. HE HAD BRAIN CELL DEATH, MIKE. THEY HID IT  
20 FROM ME. HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE REGIONAL CENTER.  
21 HE BECAME A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIM AND YOUR SHERIFF'S  
22 DEPARTMENT IN PALMDALE LAUGHED AT HIM WHEN HE TRIED TO REPORT  
23 IT A YEAR AND A HALF AGO. SOMEBODY PUT SOMETHING ON THE  
24 INTERNET ABOUT THE WOMAN WHO CARRIED HIS BABY. HE WORKED THREE  
25 JOBS AND GAVE EVERY PAYCHECK TO HER. SHE WANTED MY SON OUT OF



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1 THE WAY, STOLE HIS IDENTITY AND STOLE HIS TAX RETURN. HE GOES  
2 BACK TO COURT IN JUNE THE 7TH. MIKE, YOU HELPED ME 28 YEARS  
3 AGO TO ADOPT HIM. I'M ASKING YOU NOW TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF  
4 THIS BECAUSE MY SON DID NOTHING WRONG AND YOUR SHERIFF'S  
5 DEPARTMENT SHOULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF THIS TWO YEARS AGO. THANK  
6 YOU. AND GOD BLESS THE BOARD.

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8 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** NOW WE'LL BE READ INTO CLOSED? ONE  
9 MORE? OH, SORRY. ONE MORE.

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11 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** HELLO?

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13 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** GO AHEAD, SIR. STATE YOUR NAME.

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15 **MICHAEL JENKINS:** YES, MY NAME'S MICHAEL JENKINS. I'M BACK  
16 AGAIN TO TALK ABOUT MY GRANDDAUGHTER THAT IS GOING TO BE GOING  
17 TO COURT THAT I'LL BE GOING TO COURT FOR ON THE 23RD. AND  
18 ABOUT CHILDREN'S SERVICES. AND THE LACK OF. THE GENTLEMAN THAT  
19 WAS ON A FEW PEOPLE BEFORE ME, HE HIT IT RIGHT ON THE HEAD  
20 THAT HE SAID THAT THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES ARE NO GOOD, HOW  
21 THEY COVER UP, HOW THEY LIE. AND EVERYTHING ELSE THAT I'VE  
22 BEEN GOING THROUGH FOR THE PAST SEVEN OR EIGHT MONTHS. THE  
23 BOARD KNOWS IT BECAUSE I KEEP COMING BACK TIME AND TIME AGAIN  
24 AND I WILL KEEP COMING BACK TIME AND TIME AGAIN, MIKE, MARK,  
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND ALL YOU OTHERS. YOU GUYS ARE NOT GOING TO



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1 STOP SEEING MY FACE UNTIL I GET MY GRANDDAUGHTER. MY SON WAS  
2 JUST UP HERE. HE WAS TELLING YOU THE TRAGEDIES OF STUFF THAT  
3 WE GO THROUGH WITH CHILD SERVICES. THEY'RE COVERING UP. SUSAN  
4 TRIPP MUNSON. MY SO-CALLED ATTORNEY, LYING AND YELLING AT ME  
5 IN THE HALLWAY WHEN I GO TO HER AND THE JUDGE TELLS ME TO GO  
6 TO HER AND SHE WOULD HAVE SOMETHING DONE. NOTHING'S BEING  
7 DONE. NOthings BEING DONE. I KNOW I ONLY GOT A FEW MORE  
8 SECONDS. BUT MIKE ANTONOVICH, WE NEED TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF  
9 THIS. I NEED MY GRANDDAUGHTER. MY SON NEEDS HIS SISTER. I'M  
10 COMING BACK TIME AND TIME AGAIN UNTIL YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT  
11 THIS. I GO TO COURT ON THE 23RD WHICH IS MONDAY. I GOT TO HAVE  
12 SOMETHING DONE BY THEN. NOBODY IS HELPING ME. WE WENT TO  
13 MEDICAL VISITS THAT WAS COURT ORDERED. THEY DIDN'T EVEN  
14 ACKNOWLEDGE ME. THEY IGNORED ME. THEY IGNORED MY SON. THE LADY  
15 WAS BLOCKING THE VIEW SO HE COULDN'T EVEN SEE HIS SISTER. COME  
16 ON. WE NEED SOMETHING DONE ABOUT THIS KIND OF STUFF, THIS KIND  
17 OF TREATMENT THAT WE'RE BEING DONE TO IN THIS ANTELOPE VALLEY.

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19 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY. WE  
20 HAVE ONE MORE WITNESS. ADRIAN COLESBURY.

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22 **ADRIAN COLESBURY:** HI, THANK YOU. I KNOW I'M AT THE LAST MINUTE  
23 I GOT OFF WORK AS SOON AS I COULD. I AM ADRIAN COLESBURY, LIKE  
24 SHE SAID. I WORK-- I'M A SITE LEADER AT A PLANT IN LYNWOOD,  
25 CALIFORNIA HAVE THAT'S YOUR DISTRICT, SIR. I LIVE IN SILVER



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1 LAKE, THAT'S YOUR DISTRICT, MA'AM, AND WHAT WE MAKE IS WE MAKE  
2 O.T.C. OVER-THE-COUNTER DRUG MEDICATIONS, THE MEDICATIONS THAT  
3 ARE COVERED BY THE DRUG TAKEBACK ORDINANCE, ONE OF THE KINDS  
4 OF MEDICATIONS THAT ARE COVERED. I GUESS I'M HERE JUST TO SAY  
5 THAT YOU KNOW WE'RE VERY TRANSPARENT WITH ALL THE EMPLOYEES AT  
6 OUR PLANT. WE HAD AN ALL-HANDS MEETING WITH THEM THE OTHER  
7 DAY. WE TALKED TO THEM, LIKE A FEW WEEKS AGO WE TALKED TO THEM  
8 ABOUT THE CONSEQUENCES OF THIS TO OUR BUSINESS, THE EXTRA  
9 COSTS TO OUR BUSINESS. WE ENCOURAGED THEM TO WRITE LETTERS.  
10 YOU GUYS MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN A FEW LETTERS. THAT WAS US. AND  
11 WHAT I WANTED TO SAY WAS THAT IN A PLACE LIKE SAN FRANCISCO  
12 THERE'S NOT MUCH INDUSTRY. THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE  
13 STARTED THESE KINDS OF DRUG TAKE BACK AND. THEY DON'T HAVE  
14 INDUSTRY TO DEFEND, BUT WE DO IN LOS ANGELES STILL, RIGHT? WE  
15 STILL MAKE STUFF. IN LYNWOOD, WHICH IS RIGHT BETWEEN COMPTON  
16 AND WATTS, WE EMPLOY LOCAL PEOPLE WHO BIKE TO WORK, WHO TAKE  
17 PUBLIC TRANSPORT TO WORK. WHAT I WANT YOU TO DO IS I WANT YOU  
18 TO KNOW THAT THERE ARE BUSINESSES-- THIS ISN'T JUST ABOUT BIG  
19 BAD PHARMA OUT THERE AND PENALIZING BIG BAD PHARMA FOR STUFF  
20 THAT WE MIGHT THINK OH, THEY CAN AFFORD IT AND IT'S ALL THIS  
21 EXTERNAL-FACING COSTS THAT'S GOING OUT OF THE CALIFORNIA  
22 BORDERS OR AT LEAST OUT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA BORDERS. THIS  
23 IS INDUSTRY THAT'S IN YOUR BORDERS AND IN YOUR DISTRICTS. I'D  
24 LOVE FOR YOU GUYS TO COME SEE THE PLANT. IT'S TWO DOORS DOWN  
25 FROM THE WOMEN'S COUNTY JAIL. I'LL BUY YOU BLEDSOE'S AND WE



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1 CAN GO AND TAKE A TOUR ROUND AND VISIT THE FOLKS. SO ANYWAY,  
2 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, I REALLY APPRECIATE IT.

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4 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY. GO AHEAD, LORI.

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6 **LORI GLASGOW, EXEC. OFCR.:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT  
7 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS C.S.-1,  
9 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LITIGATION.  
10 C.S.-2, PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR  
11 APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR OF MENTAL HEALTH.  
12 C.S.-3, DEPARTMENT HEAD EVALUATIONS. AND C.S.-4, CONFERENCE  
13 WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS SACHI HAMAI, DAVID HOWARD AND  
14 BRAD BULGAR AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA.

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